

53. Voted to accept of the reports of district No 4

Coln Thadeus Twitchell's district No 4

Bounded as follows (viz)

Commencing at the north East Corner of the interval lot No 12 owned by Barber Bartlett & Son; thence westerly on the said lot line to the north east Corner of lot No 22 in the 8 range; thence to the north west corner of said lot; thence southerdly on the lot line to the Androscoggin river; thence down said river to the first mentioned bound

54. Voted to accept of the report of district No 5

Simeon Twitchell's district No 5 Bounded as follows (viz)

Commencing at the northwest corner of the town; thence southerly on the town line to the Androscoggin river; thence down said river untill it intersects the lot line between No 22 & 23 bounded easterly by district No 4.

The following are the bounds of the districts upon the south side of the Androscoggin river

55. Voted to accept of the report of District No 6

Richard Estes' district No 6 contains the following parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 1 in the 5 range	Timothy Walker &
	Grenlief Stevens
" " 2 " " 5 "	Ephriam Powers

3	5	do do
1	6	Isaac G Spofford &
2	6	Whitman Eses & Cary
3	6	Job York
4	6	Peter Powers
1	7	Hezekial Andrews
2	7	Ephiam Powers
3	7	Grenlief Stevens
4	7	Unknown
5	7	Heirs of Elias Bartlett
1	8	Eliot & Goddard
2	8	Richard Estes
3	8	Unknown
4	8	do

Intervale lots commencing on the town line adjoining Rumford
No 1. 2. 3. 4 & 5 also on the river above, Intervale lots No
1. 2. 3 & 4

56. Voted to accept of the report of district No 7

Eli Foster's district No 7 contains the following par-
cils of land (viz)

Lot No 5 in the 6 Range	Isaac Estes
5 " " 5	Wm Bartlett
5 " " 4	" "

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Lot No 6 in the 7 Range	Bartlett & Kimball
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6	"	"	6	"	W ^m Andrews
6	"	"	5	"	Andrews & Estes
6	"	"	4	"	Jacob Kimball
7	"	"	7	"	Samuel Ayers
7	"	"	6	"	Aaron Stevens
7	"	"	5	"	Andrews & Others
7	"	"	4	"	The north half of the
8	"	"	6	"	Aaron Stevens
8	"	"	5	"	Eben ^r Bartlett
8	"	"	4	"	
9	"	"	6	"	Unknown
9	"	"	5	"	Samuel Robertson
9	"	"	4	"	Foster & Bartlett
9	"	"	3	"	James Lapham
10	"	"	5	"	Daniel Hodsdon
10	"	"	4	"	Clark Kimball
10	"	"	3	"	Thomas Goss
11	"	"	4	"	3/4 of the North Easterly part of Eli Foster
11	"	"	3	"	Thomas Goss
4	"	"	4	"	Unknown

Intervale lot No 5 and all of that part of No 6 belonging to the farm of Samuel Ayer

57. Voted to accept of the re^port of district No 8

Samuel Kimball's district ~~No~~ 8 Bounded as follows (viz)
Commencing at Samuel Ayers westerly corner on the bank
of the Androscoggin river, thence up said rⁱver to the

line between Edmond Bean and Samuel Bean, thence southerly on said Beans line until it intersects the lot line between No 9 & 10; thence northerly on said Beans line to the northeasterly corner of lot No 10 in the 9 range; thence westerly on said line to the northwesterly corner of lot No 11 in the 9 range; thence southerly on said lot line to the range line between No 7 & 8; thence easterly on said range line to the corner of lot No 10 in the 7 range; thence southerly to the southwest corner of said lot; thence easterly on the range line to district No 7; thence on said district line to the first mentioned bound. Also lot No 10 in the 6 range. By a particular request from James C Bean Samuel Gossom and Urban Shorey with their estates be set off to No 10 and the farne on which John D Gossom lives and we do report them to be set off to the said district

58. Voted to accept of the report of district No 9
 Humphrey Bean's distraict No 9 Containing the
 following parsols of land (viz)

Lot No 11 in the 10 range	Humphrey Bean
11 " " 11 "	H Bean & others
12 " " 11 "	Bean & Holt
13 " " 11 "	Hiram Holt
12 " " 12 "	Daniel G York
13 " " 13 "	Edmond Bean's & others

Intervale lots No 13 & 12 excepting a part of No 12
 owned by Edmond Bean

59. Voted to accept of the report of District No 10
 Swan Hill district No 10. Contains the following
 parsals of land (viz).

Lot No 12 in the 8 range	A & N Swans
13 " " 8 "	A & N Swan
fifty three acres taken off of the North end	
14 " " 9 "	J Hicks
13 " " 9 "	James Swan Newry
12 " " 9 "	A & Swan
12 " " 10 "	John S Swan
13 " " 10 "	John Y Dusten
14 " " 10 "	The easterly half of

Adjoining Swan district

60. Voted to accept of the report of district No 11
 Middle Intervale district No 11. Bounded as follows
 (viz) Commencing at the north East corner of lot No

14 in the 12 range thence up the Androscoggin river to the division line between Jedediah T. Kimball & Wm Williamson upon the 18th intervale lot, thence southerly on the said Kimball's westerly line untill it intersects the range line between lots No 8 & 9; thence easterly on said range line to the south east corner of lot No 15 in the 9 range; thence northerly on lot line to the range line between lots No 9 & 10; thence easterly on said range line to land owned by Joseph Holt; thence northerly on said Holt's line to the range line between lots No 10 & 11; thence easterly on said range line to district No 10; thence northerly on said district line to the first mentioned bound --

61. Voted to accept of the report of district No 12

B Kendall's district No 12. Commencing on the bank of the Androscoggin river at the corner of the division of the 18 intervale lot owned by Jedediah T Kimball and Wm Williamson; thence up said river to the south west corner of intervale lot No 24; thence easterly to the corner of said lot; thence southwardly on the division line between the upland and intervale lots

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(agreeable to the plan of said town) to the south west corner of lot No 18 in the 7 range; thence easterly on said range line to the south east corner of lot No 15

in the 7 range; thence Northerly to the corner of said lot; thence easterly to the north east corner of lot No 14 in the 8 range of lots; thence westerly on the range line to the north west corner of said lot; thence southerly to the south west corner; thence easterly to the south east corner of lot No 16 in the 8 range; thence on district No 11 to the first mentioned boundeds on the south half of lot No 14 in the 9 range.

62. Voted to accept of the report of district No 13

Jonathan A Russell's district No 13

Commencing at the north west corner of the 25 intervale lot upon the bank of the Androscoggin river; thence up said river to the outlet of Alder river; thence up said river upon Ayers Masons west line & upon the west line of George & Timothy Chapman; thence to the south west corner of lot No 20 in the 3 range; thence northerly on the lot line to the north east corner of lot No 18 in the 5th range; thence easterly on the range line to the south east corner of said lot; thence on the bounds of district No 12 to the first mentioned bound

63. Voted to accept of the report of district No 14

Abiel Chandler's district No 14 Containing the following parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 11 in the 6 range	Stephens Hodsdon
12 " " 6 "	Widow Hodsdon
13 " " 6 "	Bartlett & Chandler

14	"	"	6	"	Chandler & Others
11	"	"	7	"	Baraber Bartlett Agt
13	"	"	7	"	Bartlett & Chandler
14	"	"	7	"	do do
12	"	"	7	"	Daniel Grout
12	"	"	5	"	J Brown
13	"	"	5	"	J Brown
11	"	"	5	"	Nutting & Chandler
12	"	"	4	"	Nutting
15	"	"	6	"	John Farwell

eighty acres taken off from the north end
of lot No 13 in the 4 range the North west
quarter of

11	"	"	4	"
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64. Voted to accept of the report of district No 15
Bethel Hill district No 15. Containing the following
parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 21 in the 3 Range

21	"	"	4	"	Joseph Twitchell
22	"	"	4	"	Mason & Grout
23	"	"	4	"	Bethel Hill lot
22	"	"	3	"	J Burbank
23	"	"	2	"	Wm Frye
24	"	"	3	"	
24	"	"	2	"	

24	"	"	2	"		
26	"	"	1	"	Barber	Burbank
27	"	"	1	"	do	do
25	"	"	1	"	do	do
25	"	"	2	"	do	do
26	"	"	2	"	do	do
27	"	"	2	"	do	do
23	"	"	3	"	Whitman	
25	"	"	3	"		

Interval lots No 30. 31. 32. & 33

Together with Barker Islands

65. Voted to accept of the report of district No 16

Dr John Grovers district No 16. Bounded as follows

(viz)

Commencing at Jedediah Burbanks north westerly corner
on the bank

of the Androscoggin river; thence westerly on the bank
of said

river to land owned by James Russell; thence southerly

on said Russell's line untill it intersects the range

line between lot No 6 & 7; thence westerly on said

range line to the north corner of lot No 27 in the

sixth range; thence southardly on said lot line to the

south west corner of lot 27 in the 5 range; thence

easterly on the range line to the South east corner of

lot No 24 in the 5 range it being the westerly line of

Bethel Hill district; thence on said district line to

the first mentioned bound also lot No 25 in the 4 range together with bands I land

66. Voted to accept the report of district No 17

Leonard Grover's district No 17. Commencing at the north east corner of James Russell's land at or near the Bank of the Androscoggin river; thence up said river to the lot line between the 30 & 31; thence southerly on said lot line to the south west corner of lot No 30 in the 6 range; thence easterly on the range line to the south easterly corner of lot No 28 in the 6 range; thence on said district line to the first mentioned bound aslo $2/3$ of the easterly part of lot (seven) in the 7 range

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67. Voted to accept of the report of district No 18

David Holt's district No 18. Bounded as follows (viz) Commencing at the north west corner of the 3 intervale lot upon the bank of the Androscoggin river upon the westerly line of the town; thence southerly on said line to the south west corner of lot No 33 in the 6 range; thence easterly on the range line to the south east corner of lot No 31 in the 6 range; thence north-erly on the westerly line of district No 17

68. Voted to accept of the report of district No 19

Amos Andrews district No 19. Containing the following

parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 1 in the 1 range

1	"	"	2	"	
1	"	"	3	"	Moses Sweat
1	"	"	4	"	
2	"	"	1	"	Amos Andrews
2	"	"	2	"	Gilman Daniels
2	"	"	3	"	
2	"	"	4	"	
3	"	"	1	"	Enoch Estes & Son
3	"	"	2	"	
3	"	"	3	"	Samuel Merrill Jr
3	"	"	4	"	

69. Voted to accept the report of district No 20

Caleb Russell's district No 20. Containing the following parcels

of land (viz)

Lot No 4 in the 1 Range	Caleb Russell & Son
5 " " 1 "	Henry Atkins
6 " " 1 "	Silvanus Bartlett & Estes
4 " " 2 "	Tilton Bartlett & Son
5 " " 2 "	Stephen Estes
6 " " 2 "	Hezekiah Moody
4 " " 3 "	Springer & Osgood
5 " " 3 "	Moses Mason Agt

70. Voted to accept of the report of district No 21

Eli Cushman' district No 21. Containing the following

parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 7 in the 1 Range	Hiram Day
8 " " 1 "	Buck & Cummings
9 " " 1 "	Lourdan & Son
10 " " 1 "	Richard Lourdan
11 " " 1 "	Soloman Annas
7 " " 2 "	Samuel Bird
8 " " 2 "	John Leyman Bird

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Lot No 9 in the 2 Range	Eli Cushman
10 " " 2 "	Abraham Briant
11 " " 2 "	
6 " " 3 "	John Estes
7 " " 3 "	Eli Estes
8 " " 3 "	
7 " " 4 "	The south half of

71. Voted to accept of the report of district No 22

Jonathan Abbot's district No 22. Containing the following parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 15 in the 5 Range	J Walker
16 " " 5 "	M Blake
17 " " 5 "	J Walker & Others
South half of 13 " " 4 "	J Cushman & J Walker
14 " " 4 "	Abbot & Russell & Others

15	"	"	4	"	Thomas Cushman
16	"	"	4	"	M. Blake
17	"	"	4	"	John Case
12	"	"	3	"	Unknown
13	"	"	3	"	Cushman & Bartlett
14	"	"	3	"	John Needham
15	"	"	3	"	Carter & Needham
16	"	"	3	"	Walker & Others
17	"	"	3	"	Case & Cushman
13	"	"	3	"	Jonathan Abbot Jr
14	"	"	2	"	Walkers Mills Lot
15	"	"	2	"	Jonathan C Robinson
16	"	"	2	"	Wm Frye
17	"	"	2	"	Unknown
12	"	"	2	"	do
12	"	"	1	"	Dr Mason
13	"	"	1	"	Walkin & Russell
14	"	"	1	"	Jesse Cross Agt
15	"	"	1	"	A Walker
16	"	"	1	"	Henry & James Stearns
17	"	"	1	"	Eli Twitchell

72. Voted to accept of the report of district No 23

James Grover's district No 23 containing the following
parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 24 in the 1 Range	James Walker
23 " " 1 "	Peter Grover
22 " " 1 "	James Grover

21 " " 1 " Isaac Cross

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Lot No 20 in the 1 Range J & P Grover

19 " " 1 "

19 " " 2 "

20 " " 2 "

21 " " 2 "

22 " " 2 "

18 " " 2 " Barker Bartlett

18 " " 1 " Common

73. Voted to accept of the report of district No 24

Grover Hill district No 24. Containing the following parcels of
land (viz)

Lot No 28 in the first range Daniel Wheeler

29 " " 1 " Alva Wheeler

30 " " 1 " Jameas Wheeler

28 " " 2 " Henry & James Stearns

29 " " 2 " Samuel Haselton

30 " " 2 " Joseph & Peter Wheeler

31 " " 2 " James Grover

32 " " 2 " do do

26 " " 2 " Unknown

27 " " 3 " do

28 " " 3 " do

29 " " 3 " Stiles

30	"	"	3	"	Widow Eames
31	"	"	3	"	Clement Seavey
26	"	"	4	"	Jedediah Grover
27	"	"	4	"	Franklin Cross
28	"	"	4	"	Jedediah Grover & Others
29	"	"	4	"	Baxter A. Lyon
30	"	"	4	"	Timothy Chapman
31	"	"	4	"	<u>Dr</u> John Grover & Others
28	"	"	5	"	Jedediah Grover
29	"	"	5	"	J & P Wheeler
30	"	"	5	"	Walter Mason
31	"	"	5	"	Walter Mason & Others

74. Voted to accept of the report of district No 25

Peter Twiltchell distraict No 25. Containing the following parcels of land (viz)

Lot No 31 in the 1 Range Fletcher Kendall

32	"	"	1	"	Daniel Holt
33	"	"	1	"	John Lowell
33	"	"	2	"	E E Bean
32	"	"	3	"	Tilton Bennet

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Lot No 33 in the 3 Range Peter Twitchell

32	"	"	4	"	Nathan Grover
33	"	"	4	"	A & F Bean

32 " " 5 " Fletcher Farm
 33 " " 5 " Mason & Others

(Signed) James Walker

Ebenr Eames

75. Voted to accept of the plan of the town when it is finished and deposited with the Selectmen
76. Voted to accept the following names as jurors and the jury Box be revised with the same which was done (viz)

Humphrey Bean	Robert A. Chapman
John Sanbourn	Jedediah Burbank
Bezaleel Kendall	John Hastings
Micaiah Blake	Phinehas Frost
John B. Mason	Elhanan Bartlett
Isaac B. Littlehale	Peter G. Smith
Ruben B. Foster	Alpheus Swan
Urban Shorey	Charales R. Locke
Jedeadiab T. Kimball	Aaron Mason
Nathan Twitchell	Joseph Twitchell
Jonathan Abbot Jr	John Cushman
Milton Roberts	Eliphas C. Bean
William Goddard	Eli Foster
Elihu Bean	Jacob D. Grover
Levi Twitchell	Samuel Barker
Asa Kimball	Moses Swet

77. Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of John B Mason and others
78. Voted to allow Thomas Roberts account being \$8,00

79. Made choice of Moses Mason town Agent

Moses Mason Esqr Moderator

Recorded by Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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Road

The Selectmen of Bethel have located a road on the petition of John B Mason and others begining on the County road leading from John A Twitchell's to Albany begining on the range line between John A Twitchells lot of land and the lot called the Jesse Bean lot thence on said line west twenty degress south to Bethel town line a distance of forty four rods the one half to be on one lot the other half to be on the other of said lots and no expence to the town for damages

Bethel Aug 30th 1839 [1840]

(Signed) Moses Mason	}	Sealectmen
Israel Kimball		of Bethel

Recorded by Eias M, Carter Town Clerk

Report of the State of the School & Ministereal fund of Bethel

Moses Swan Charles R Locke & James Locke	\$330,00
Michiah Blake John Cushman & Jonathan Blake	\$ 50,00
Anthoney Bessee & Timothy Chapman	\$ 40,95
Asa Bartlett R Bartlett & J B Littlehale	\$ 48,60

Jonathan Abbot Jr Jonathan Abbot & A Abbot	\$143,00
Aaron Cross Jesse Cross & M T Cross ----	\$ 55,00
Jesse Cross Joseph Twitchell Daniel Grant	\$ 40,95
Charles R Locke James Locke -----	\$ 65,00
Luther Locke S B Locke C R Locke -----	\$129,36
John Harris W A Whitcomb A Cross -----	\$ 42,00
Daniel Wheeler Alvah Wheeler Aaron Cross	\$ 40,08
Eliphas Kilgore Moses Kilgore Ira Kilgore	\$ 60,00
Josph & Peter Wheeler Thomas Harding	\$ 44,00
John Mills Nathan Grover George Grover	\$ 86,00
Ezra & Thadeus Twitchell	\$ 45,00
Kimball Bean -----	\$ 69,29
Jedr Grover Mortgage	\$128,50
Robins Brown Mortgage -----	\$342,00
Joseph Barker Aaron Mason Samuel Barker	\$ 60,00

(Signed) Robins Brown Treasurer

Recorded by

Elias M Carter Town Clerk

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Town Meeting Sept 14. 1840

To Isreal Kimball Constable of Bethel --- You are hereby
 required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and
 warn the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualifiead to vote in
 town affairs to assemble at the center meeting house in said
 Bethel on the second monday of Sept instant at 1/2 past

eleven of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
2. To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on a petition signed by John E. Farwell and others and to act upon any other matter the town shall think proper when met

Given under our hands this second day of September AD
1840. Selectmen

(Signed) Moses Mason of
Elhanan Bartlett Bethel

Bethel September 14th 1840

Pursuant to the witten warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualifiaed as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

(Signed) Isreal Kimball Constable of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest Elias M Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk preceeded to business and

1st Made choice of William Frye Esqr Moderator

2nd Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen
of the petition of John E Farwell & others but it is
not to be made good road for three or four years

3th Voted that the selectmen be authorized to make a contract with the proprietors of this meeting house to hold the November meeting in

4th Voted to dissolve this meeting

William Frye Esqr Moderator

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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Annual Election Meeting

To Isreal Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel -- You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified according to the constitution to assemble at the centerl meeting house one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor two Senators for the next Legistalure and a Representative to the next Congress and a Representative for the next Legislature and a County Treasurer. The Selectmen will be in session from ten to twelve o clock on said at the said meeting house to receive evedence of voters for qualifing them to vote in said meeting

Given under our hands at said Bethel the fifteenth day of August AD 1840

(Signed)

Moses Mason

Elhanan Bartlett

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Bethel September 14th 1840

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

(Signed) Israel Kimball Constable of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest Elias M Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows

(viz)

1st Voted to receive the votes for Representative to the Legislature on a separate ballot

2nd For Governor } John Fairfield had two hundred & eighty three
Edward Kent ninety five

For Representa- } Nathaniel S Littlefield had two hundred &
tive to Congress } twenty four
Virgil D Parris had fifty two
Job Prince had one
Z Dedic Land had ninety five

For County } Alanson Mellen had two hundred &
Treasurer } eighty three
Simeon Norris had ninety five

For Senators { David Hammons had two hundred & eighty three
Alvan Bolster had two hundred eighty
Simeon Barrot had ninety five
Daniel Tyler had ninety five

Timothy Hastings had one hundred seventy five
3th Addison Abbot had thirty nine
For Represent- Ebenezer Eames had forty Seven
ative to the Joel Howe had Seventy one
Legislature Aaron Mason had two
Ayers Mason had two

and the said Timothy Hastings having a majority of the votes
given in was declaired duly elected

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Road

The following are the limits of a road as laid out by the
Selectmen of the town of Bethel on the 16 day of August 1840
Began 4 rods East of John E Farwells house thence south 25
D. E. 80 rods, thence 52 D. E. 20 rods thence 73 D.E. 20
rods, thence North 67 D. E. 43 rods, thence North 40 D. E.
40 rods, thence North 30 D. E. 28 rods, thence North 65 D.
E. 18 rods, thence North 83 D. E. 10 rods, thence North 63
D.E. 60 rods to Abiel Chandlers house it being just one

mile.

Located on the petition of John E Farwell and others

(Signed) Moses Mason } Selectmen
Israel Kimball } of Bethel

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter

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Presidential Electoral Meeting

To Israel Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel.

You are hereby required in the name of the state of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified according to the Constitution to meet at the center meeting house in said Bethel on Monday the second day of November next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Electors for President & Vice President of the United States

Given under our hands this twenty second day of October
AD 1840

(Signed) Moses Mason } Selectmen of
Elhanan Bartlett } said Bethel

Bethel Oct 31th 1840

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

(Signed) Isreal Kimball } Constable of Bethel

The foregoing are true copies of the original warrant & the return thereof

Attest Elias M Carter Town Clerk

Nov 2th 1840. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of Bethel, qualified as therein expressed, met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes for ten Electors of President and Vice President of the United States as follows viz:

Jonathan P Rogers	had two hundred & eighty nine
Job Prince	had two hundred & eighty nine
Cornelius Holland	had two hundred & eighty nine
Soloman Strout	had two hundred & eighty nine
Ezekiel Chase	had two hundred & eighty nine
Thomas Bartlett	had two hundred & eighty nine
Edward Fuller	had two hundred & eighty nine
Jacob Some	had two hundred & eighty nine
Joseph Berry	had two hundred & eighty nine
Otis C Gross	had two hundred & eighty nine
Isaac Ilsty	had eighty five
Isaac Hodsdon	had eighty five
Samuel Small	had eighty five
Rufus K Goodnow	had eighty five
Charles Trafton	had eighty five
Thomas Tillebrown	had eighty five
Edward Robinson	had eighty five

Benjamin P Case had eighty five
Joseph Huse had eighty five
Thomas Robinson had eighty five

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To Israel Kimball Constable of Bethel.

You are required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified
according to the Constitution to meet at the center meeting
house in said Bethel on Monday the thirtieth day of November
instant at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in
their votes for a Repesentative to represent the inhabi-
tants of this state in the Congress of the United States
Given under our hands the 16th day of November in the year
of our Lord 1840

(Signed) Moses Mason

Elhanan Bartlett

} Selectmen

} of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned

(Signed) Israel Kimball

} Constable

} of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows (viz)

Nathaniel S Littlefield had two hundred twenty six

Virgil D Parris had seven

Job Prince had one

Phinehas Frost had one

Zaladvce Long had Sixty two

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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To Aaron Cross of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified according to the Constitution to assemble at the center meeting house in said Bethel on monday the eighteenth day of January instant at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for a Representative to represent the inhabitants of this State in the Congress of the United States.

Given under our hands at said Bethel this seventh day of January AD 1841

(Signed)

Moses Mason

} Selectmen

Israel Kimball

} of Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of the town of Bethel to appear at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned according to law

January 18 1841 (Signed) Aaron Cross

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows
Nathaniel S. Littlefield had two hundred three

Virgil D Parris " four

Z Dadoc Long " Sixty one

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting March 1. 1841

To Israel Kimball one of the Constables of the town of Bethel.

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to summon and notify the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the upper meeting

house on the south side of the river in Said Bethel on
monday the first day of March next at ten of the clock in
the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit:

1. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
2. To choose a Town Clerk
3. To choose three or more Selectmen
4. To choose three or more Assessors
5. To choose three or more Overseers of the Poor
6. To choose a Treasurer
7. To choose a Collector or Collectors
8. To choose a Constable or Constables
9. To choose Fence Viewers
10. To choose Surveyors of Highways
11. To choose Surveyors of Lumber
12. To choose Measurers of Wood
12. To choose Tythingmen
13. To choose Field Drivers
14. To choose Poundkeepers
15. To choose three or more School Committee
16. To allow accounts
17. To raise money for the repair of Highways
18. To raise money to defray town charges
19. To raise money for the suport of Schools
20. To see what method the town will take to suport the Poor
21. To see if the town will vote to build a town house and
vote where it shall stand and in case the town cannot agree
to see if the town will choose three or more men out of said

town to disignate a spot for said house, and raise money to build said house

22. To see what method the town will take to repair Sunday River Bridge or rebuild the same, and to raise money to build the same
23. To choose a town Agent
24. To see what method the town will take to repair the road from Hezekiah Moody's to John Estes's
25. To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out on the petition of Daniel Hodgdon and others

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26. To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by Selectmen on the petition of Jedediah T Kimball and others (This should have been article 25 & the one that is twenty five 26)
27. To see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of John D Gossom and others
28. To see if the town will divide the fifth school district into two districts, as follows, commencing at the Androscoggin River on the divisional line between the lot No 25 and twenty six in the seventh Range of lots and thence running northerly on said line to the town line of Newry.
29. To act on any other articles thought proper when met

The Selectmen will be in session at the said meeting house on monday the first day of March next from the hour of nine untill ten in the forenoon to receive evidence of legal voters who have not been put on the list

Given under our hands the thirteenth day of February
AD 1841

(Signed) Moses Mason
Elhanan Bartlett

} Selectmen
of
Bethel

Bethel Feb 27. 1841

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

(Signed) Israel Kimball

} Constable
of
Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business and.

1. Made choice of Moses Mason Moderator to govern said

meeting

2. Made choice of Elias M Carter Town Clerk who was then and there sworn as the law directs to qualify him to discharge the duties of said office before Moses Mason Esqr a Justice of the Peace
3. Made choice of Moses Mason 1st selectman
4. Voted after choosing one selectman to pass over the remaindear of the third (3rd) article and take up the sixteenth (16th) article

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5. Voted to give up a note given to the town by Peter Powers by his paying eight dollars
6. Voted not to allow Mr C Seaveay's account
7. Voted to allow Moses Masons account being -- \$44.52
8. Voted to allow Elhanan Bartlett's account being \$23.00
9. Voted to allow Israel Kimball's account being \$34.50
10. Voted to allow Benjamin Dunham's account being \$ 9.33
11. Voted to allow Charles Frost's account being \$10.00
12. Voted to allow Charles Frost's account being \$ 4.00
13. Voted not allow Robins Brown's account
14. Voted to allow Ebenezer Eame's account being \$12.00
15. Voted not allow Thomas Robert's account
16. Made choice of Israel Kimball 2nd Elhanan Bartlett 3th
Selectmen all of whome were sworn in open town meeting to the faithfull and impartial discharge of the duties

of said office before the Town Clerk

17. Made choice of Moses Mason Israel Kimball & Elhanan Bartlett Assessors who appeared in open town meeting and took the oath prescribed by law to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk
18. Made choice of Moses Mason Israel Kimball & Elhanan Bartlett Overseers of the poor.
19. Voted to choose all other officers by nomination excepting the School Committee
20. Made choice of Ebenezer Eames Treasurer
21. Made choice of Israel Kimball collector who appeared in open town meeting and took the oath prescribed by law to qualify him to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk
22. Voted to give him 4 cents precentum
23. Made choice of Israel Kimball William C Whitcomb & Eliphas C Bean Constables all of whom appeared in open town meeting and took the oath prescribed by law to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk
24. Made choice of Edmond Chapman George Chapman & Gilman Chapman Fence Viewers
25. Made choice of Joel Howe #Asa Bartlett+
Abraham Briant+ William Holt+
James Grover 2d+ Jacob D Grover+
#Amos Andrews+ William Goddard+

James Estes+	Edmond Bean+
#Alpheus Swan+	William C. Whitcomb
Isaac C Cross+	Abiel Chandler+
George Chapman+	David Sanbourn+
Isaac Littlehale+	#Seth Wight+
Eli Foster+	#Samuel Heseltin+
Tilden Bartlett+	#Winchester Whitman
#Stephen Bartlett+	#John Needham+
George V Ellingwood+	#Elias M Carter+
#Ephriam Powers	Thadeus Twitchell+

for Highway Surveyors all of whom appeared in open town meeting (excepting those that have this # mark affixed to there names) and took the oath to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk

26. Made choice for Surveyors of Lumber of

Wesley Cobourn	Pinckney Burnham
Jonathan C Robertson	John Hastings

all of whome appeared in open town meeting and took the oath to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk

27. Made choice of Isaac Littlehale Surveyor of Wood who appeared in open town meeting and took the oath to qualify him to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk

28. Made choice of Peter H Alby Francis Barker Amaziah Nutting James Locke Tythingmen

all of whome appeared in open town meeting (excepting Amaziah Nutting) and took the oath to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the

Town Clerk

29. Voted that the Highway Surveyors be Field Drivers

30. Made choice of Israel Kimball Phinehas Frost John Needham Aaron Mason Pound Keepers

Phinehas Frost & Aaron Mason appeared in open town meeting and took the oath to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk

31. Made choice of William Frye Leander Jewett & Eliphas C Bean Supertending School Committee all of whom appeared in town meeting an(d) took the oath to qualify them to discharge the duties of said office before the Town Clerk

32. Voted to raise two thousand dollars to repair highways \$2,000,00

33. Voted to raise seven hundred dollars to defray town charges \$ 700,00

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34. Voted to raise what the law requires for the suport of School

35. Voted to leave the poor in the hands of the Selectmen to be disposed of in the best manner.

36. Voted to build a town house

37. Voted to sit said town house some where between the school house in district No 12 and the Sanbourn road ---
38. Voted to ~~build~~ raise four hundred dollars to build said house
39. Voted not to recondider the thirty seventh vote
40. Voted that a committee be chosen to draft a plan of said house & estimate the probible expence and report to the adjourned meeting
41. Voted that the Selectmen be said committee
42. Voted not to adjourn
43. Voted to choose a committee to designate the spot for said house within the above limits and go on and build said house
44. Voted that said committee consist of seven
45. Made choice for said Committee of Israel Kimball
Ebenezer Eames Joel Howe
John Grover Timothy Carter
James Walker Charles R. Locke
46. Voted to leave the subject of Sunday River Bridge in the hands of the Selectmen
47. Voted to pass over the twenty second article
48. Made choice of Elenezer Eames ~~Treasurer~~ Town Agent
49. Voted that the Selectmen go and build a road from Hezekiah Moodys to John Estes 2d
50. Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of Jediah T. Kimball & others
51. Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen

51. Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen
on the petition of Daniel Hodgdon & others
52. Voted to accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen
on the petition of John D Gossom & Others
53. Voted not to divide the 5 school district
54. Voted that Daniel Young Francis Upton Daniel Wheeler
& Alvah Wheeler have their share of the School money
55. Voted that Jedediah Grover & Franklin Cross & Mr Hapgood
have their share of the School money

Moses Mason Esqr Moderator

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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Roads

On the petition of Daniel Hodgdon and located a road begin-
ing two rods east from said Hodgdon's house in Bethel thence
North 40 D East 40 Rods thence North 58 D East 12 Rods,
thence North 72 D East 20 Rods, thence North 35 D East 12
Rods, thence North 56 D East 16 Rods, thence South 71 D East
15 Rods to the Road Leading from Locke's Mills to Ball
Bartlett's. Whole distance 219 Rods

November 11. 1840 (Signed) Moses Mason } Selectmen of
Israel Kimball } Bethel

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

On the petition of Jediah T. Kimball and others located a road, begining two rods west of Jediah T. Kimball's house in Bethel, thence Due North 26 Rods, thence North 28 D west 20 Rods, thence North 30 D West 116 Rods, to the road leading from Samuel Gossom's to Urban Shorey's a distance of 162 Rods

Nov 11 1840 (Signed) Moses Mason } Selectmen of
Israel Kimball } Bethel

Recorded by

Elias M Carter Town Clerk

On the petition of John D. Gossom an(d) others located a road begining two rods west of Jedediah T Kimball's house thence South 52 D West 26 Rods, thence South 52 D West 26 Rods, thence South 50 D West 26 Rods, thence South 25 D West 30 Rods, thence South 40 D West 20 Rods to John D Gossom's house, thence South 10 D West 40 Rods, thence South 16 D West 50 Rods, thence South 10 D West 8 Rods, thence South 12 D West 52 Rods, thence South 10 D East 14 Rods, to a house formaly owened by James Hodgdon a distance of 342 Rods

Nov 17, 1840

(Signed) Moses Mason } Selectmen of
Israel Kimball } Bethel

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 4. 1841 Personally appeared Amos Andrews and made oath that he will faithfully perform the duties of Highway Surveyor in the town of Bethel according to his best skill & judgement

Before me H Hutchins Justice of the Peace

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Town Meeting May 8. 1841

To Israel Kimball one of the Constables of the town of Bethel

You are required in the name of the State of Maine to notify the inhabitants of Said Bethel to meet at Sunday river Bridge on the north side of the river in said Bethel on Saturday the eight day of May next at one oclock in the afternoon to act on the following articles.

1st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting

2nd To see what method the town will take to build the bridge acrosst said river.

3rd To raise money to build said bridge

4th To see if the town will sell or what they will do with a peace of land known by the Sprague land

5 To see if the town will accept of the report of the

Selectmen's draft for a town house and to act upon any
other articles the town shall think proper when met.
Given under our hands this twenty fourth day of April 1841

(Signed)	Moses Mason	}	Selectmen
	Israel Kimball		of Bethel

Bethel May 8. 1841

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place, and for the purposes men-
tioned

(Signed)	Israel Kimball	}	Constable
			of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said
Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs, met at time and
place therein mentioned, and the meeting being opened by the
Town Clerk proceeded to business and

1. Made choice of Phinehas Frost Moderator
2. Voted to build this bridge on the same plan of Bare river
Bridge that is, the long Space
3. Voted that this bridge be built by the first day of
October next

4. Voted to set up the building of this bridge at auction to be struck off to the lowest bidder
5. Voted that the Selectmen together with Timothy Hastings & Ebenezer Eames be a committee to examine the building of said bridg and that the contractor build it to their acceptance, but if either or both of the last named men be contractors then they shall be excused from serving said committee
6. Voted that this bridg be built with as good materials as that of Bare river bridge
7. Voted that the contractor have the old bridge
8. Struck off the building of said bridge to Ebenezer Eames he being the lowest bider at two hundred and ninety eight dollars.
9. Voted to raise two hundred ninety eight dollars to build Said bridg with
10. Voted to leave the Sprague land in the hands of the Selectmen to dispose off as they think best.
11. Voted to accept of the report of the committee chosen to draft a plan of a town house subject to the revisal of the superintending building Committee
12. Voted to dissolve this meeting

Phineas Frost Esqr Moderator

Recorded by Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Town Meeting September 13th 1841

To Israel Kimball Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualilfied according to the Constitution to assemble at the town house on monday the thirteenth day of September next at ten oclock in the forenoon to act upon the following articles. viz.

- 1.st To choose a moderator to govern said meeting
- 2.nd To see what the town will do or what order they will take on a petition to divide the said town on the Parish line of which an order of notice has been Served on said town
- 3.rd To see if the town will choose a disinterested Committee of three one from Rumford, one from Gilead and one from Greenwood to establish and say where said town of Bethel shall be divided that the vote which has been passed to divide said town may be carried into effect and autherise the Selectmen to petition the next Legislature to pass a law to divide said town agreeable to the report of said Committee when made.
- 4th To see if the said town will autherise the Selectmen to expend a certain sum of money on the bridge and causeway between the dwelling house of Doct Wiley and Fanny Townes that it may be made safe and passable in

a common rise of water

5th To act upon any other business when met that they may
be proper

Given under our hands at said Bethel this
third day of September AD 1841

(Signed)

Moses Mason
Elhanan Bartlett

Selectmen
of
Bethel

Bethel September 13th 1841

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of said town qualilfied as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within
mentioned

(Signed) Israel Kimball

Constable
of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk



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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Said
Bethel qualifed to vote in town affairs met at the time and
place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened, the
Town Clerk preceeded to business and

1. Made choice of James Walker Esqr Moderator
2. Voted that when the question upon the division of the town is taken it be taken by polling the house
3. The following vote was past Bethel September 13. 1841
In town meeting assembled voted to remonstrate against the petition of Phinehas Frost and others to divide the town on the parish line
4. Voted to take the sence of the house on the third article by polling the house
5. Voted to pass over the third article (3rd)
6. Voted that Aaron Cross have five dollars allowed on his next years tax to keep the bridge and causeway between Dr Wiley's and Fanny Town's in repair and indemnify the town from all damage excepting in case of a fleshet
7. Voted to dissolve this meeting

James Walker Esqr Moderator

Recorded by

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

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Annual Election Meeting

To Israel Kimball, one of the Constables of the town of Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified according to the Constitution to assemble at the town house on the 2nd monday of September next being the

the thirteenth day of said month at one Oclock in the afternoon to give in their votes for Governor for Senators and for one Representative in the Legislature.

2nd To see if the said inhabitants will vote to amend the Constitution according to a resolve passed by the Legislature April 16th 1841 proposing to elect the Governor members of the Legislature and other State Officers for the term of two years and that the Legislature meet once in two years.

3rd Shall the Constitution be amended by adopting the second resolve passed by the Legislature for the amendment of the Constitution proposing that the number of Representatives shall be established at one hundred and fifty one

4th To see if the inhabitants will vote whither the number of Representatives shall be increased or diminished

Given under our hands at said Bethel the twenty day of August AD 1841

(Signed)

Moses Mason

Elhanan Bartlett

} Selectmen

} of Bethel

The selectmen will be in session at said house from the hours of eleaven to twelve on Said day to receive qualifications of voters

Bethel September 13th 1841

Pusuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

(Signed)

Israel Kimball

}

Constable
of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk



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To Israel Kimball one of the Constable of the town of
Bethel.

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town
qualified according to the Constitution to assemble at the
town house on the second monday of September next it being
the thirteenth day of said month at three Oclock in the
afternoon to give in their votes for a Register of Deeds
and for a County Treasurer

Given under our hands at Said Bethel the twenty
eight day August AD 1841

(Signed)

Moses Mason
Elhanan Bartlett

}

Selectmen
of Bethel

Bethel September 13th 1841

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned
the inhabatants of said town qualified as therein expressed
to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within

mentioned

(Signed)

Israel Kimball

Constable
of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

Elias M. Carter Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrants the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting opened by the chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows (Viz)

1. Voted to blend the two meetings into one
2. For Governor whole number of votes of three hundred fifty seven

John Fairfield had two hundred seventy five

Jearemeah Curtis had nineteen

For Senator

Whole number of votes three hundred fifty seven

Virgil D. Parris had two hundred Seventy one

Gilman L. Bennett had two hundred Seventy five

Silas Barnard had two hundred Seventy three

Benjamin Thampson had Sixty three

Joseph H. Wardwell had Sixty

Otis Hayford had Sixty two

George French had nineteen
George W. Chapman had twenty
Nathan A Bradbury had nineteen

For County Treasurer

Whole number of votes three hundred fifty five
Hanson Mellen had two hundred seventy three
Jonah H. Holt had Sixty three
Daniel Stowell had nineteen

For Register of Deeds

Hanson Mellen had two hundred Seventy three
Francis Bemis had Sixty three
John Pike had nineteen

For Representative to the Legislature

Whole number of votes three hundred forty one
William Frye had two hundred one
Elhanan Bartlett had Sixty Seven
Timothy Carter had Seven
Spencer Drake had Sixty four
Seth B. Newell had five
James Walker had one
Elias M. Carter had one
Israel Kimball had one

3. The following is the vote taken upon the second article
in the first warrant

yes thirty five No ~~Thirty three~~ one hundred
twenty seven

4. The following is the vote taken upon the third article
in the first warrant

yes thirty No thirty three

5. The following is the vote taken upon the fourth article
in the first warrant

Diminsh forthy three

Recorded by

Elias M Carter Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting March 7th 1842

To Israel Kimball Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hereby notified in the name of the the State of
Maine to summons & notify the Inhabitants of Said Bethel
qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the town
house in Said Bethel on Monday the seventh Day of March next
at one of the Clock in the forenoon to act on the following
Articles to wit ----

1st To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting

2d To choose a Town Clerk

3d To choose Selectmen

- 4th To choose Assessors
- 5th To choose Oversers of the Poor
- 6th To choose a Treasurer
- 7th To choose a Collector
- 8th To choose Constable or Constables
- 9th To choose Highway Survayears
- 10th To choose Survayers of Lumber
- 11th To choose Survayers of Woods
- 12th To choose Fence vewers
- 13th To choose Field Drivers
- 14th To choose Poundkeepers
- 15th To provide for a Pound or Pounds
- 16th To choose a Town Agent
- 17th To choose Tythingmen
- 18th To choose Sextons
- 19th To choose School Committee
- 20th To choose do Agent
- 21st To allow Accounts
- 22nd To raise Money to Defray Town Charges
- 23rd To raise Money for Schools
- 24th To See what Order the Town will take on the petition
of Justus Bean & others in regard to the Barker Fereway
So Called
- 25th To see if the town will Vote Set Hesehe Moody & Stefaen
Estes on to the Gore School Destrict ---
- 26th To see if the Town will Vote to Set John B Mason unto
School Destrict No 25 By his request

Article 27th To See what method the Town will take in
regard to the Poor -----

28th To Act upon any other Business the Town may
think proper when met

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town house on the
Same Day at nine of the Clock in the forenoon untill ten
O'clock to receve Voters R C-----

Given under Our hands this twenty third of Febuary
AD 1842

Signed {	Moses Mason	} Selectmen
	Elhanan Bartlett	

A true copy of the original Warrant

Atest Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

Bethel March 7th 1842

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified & warned the
Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to
meet at the time and place & for the porpose within
mentioned by posting notices in the places ten days before
Said meeting

Israel Kimball	} Constable

A true copy of the Return of Said Warrant

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs meet at the time & place therein mentioned & the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to Business ----

1st Made choice of Aaron Cross Moderator

2d Made choice of Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

who was then & there sworn to the faithful Discharge of the Duties of Said Office before Elias M Carter a Justice of the Peace within and for the County of Oxford -----

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3d Voted to passover the third article & take up the twnty first (to allow accounts)

4th	Voted to allow Doc Mason's account being	35.83
5th	Voted to allow Eben Ames account being	12.70
6th	Voted to allow Daniel G Holt's account being	2.58
7th	Voted to allow Bele William's account	9.00
8th	Voted to allow Robins Brown account	8.00
9th	Voted to leave Daniel Coffins account in the hands of the Selectmen -----	
10th	Voted to allow Israel Kimball's account being	27.79
11th	Voted to allow Elhanan Bartlett account	17.00
12th	Voted to have Joseph h Howards account left in the hands of the Selectmen being	4.00

13 Voted to have Winchester Whitmans account left in the
hands of the Selectmen being 24.16

14th Made choice Phineas Frost 1st Eben Eames 2nd Nathan
Grover 3d Selectmen

15th Made choice of Phineas Frost Eben Emas Nathan Grover
for Assessors -----

16th Voted that the Selectmen be Oversers of the Poor who
appeared in open Town meeting & took the Oath as the
law perscribes to qualify them for Said Offices which
is prescribed above in the 13th & 15 Articles

17th Maid choice of Elias M. Carter Town Treasurer

18th Voted to have the taxes or the collection of Taxes
Set up to the lowest Bidder which was Bid of by
Gilman Chapman at Three cents on A Dollar and he pro-
duced Jed^h Burbank & George Chapman for his Bondsmen
For which the Town Voted to except of -----

19th Voted to have the Constables chosen by hand ballet &
Maid choice of Gilman Chapman & Eliphas C. Bean -----

20th Maid choice of Reubin B. Foster
Abner Brown x@ Joseph Peverly @
Isach B Littlehale @ Josiah Brown x@
Richard E. Twichel x Peter Wheeler x
Levi Twichel x@ John Y Dostan
Abriham Briant Winchester Whitman x
Eli Estes Peter Estes x
Peter Powers Timothy Ayers x

Eli Foster x	Aaron Cross
Humphrey Bean	David Holt x@
Israel Kimball	Syras M Harding x@
Daved Sanborn	Peter Kimball
George Chapman	George Grover x
Alfonso G Hastings	Stehen Estes x
David F. Brown x	Thomas P. Howard

for highway Serveyars all of whome personally
appeared in open town Meeting (excepting those that
have this @ mark attached to there Names X took the
Oath as the Law Directs in discharge of there Dutis
before Elias M. Carter Esqr

21st Maid chois of

Eli Grovier

Weslyan Coban

Thatcher York

Jonathan Blake

For Survayors of Lumber

22d Maid chois of

Hynam Twichel

Pinkney Burname

Peter H. Abbyson

for Serveyers of Wood

23 Voted that the highway Serveyers be Fence vewers Field
Drivers & Pound keepers

24th Voted that the same Pounds that wer used last year to
be used this

25th Maid chois of

Jonathan Cross

John L Swan

Elihue Bean

Abriham Briant

Peter Powers

for Tythingmen

26th Maid chois Wm Fry for town Agent

27th Maid chois of Samuel Bean John Beetz Ehizah G.

Harding Aaron Mason Isaac B Littlehale Abriham

Briant John Cashman Col Eli Twichell Kenath Cary --

For Sextants

28 Maid chois of

Wm Fry

Leander Jewette

Eliphas C. Bean

for School Committy

29th Voted to raise one hundred Dollars to Defray town

Expences

30th Voted to rase what money the Law requers in Support of

Schools

31th Voted to raise two thousand Dollars in money to be

laid out on the highways -----

32d Voted to have the 31 Article reconsidered

33d Voted that the Petition of Gastus Bean and others con-

cerning the Barker Ferreay Should be left in the hands

of the Selectmen for them to assertain raether it belong

to the town or the Bridge Incorporation

34th Voted to have John B Mason Lot of unto Dert No 25

35 Voted to have the town Poor left in the hands of the

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Selectmen

36th Voted to pass over the 25th Article -----

37th Voted that Jed^h Grover Franklin Cross & Charles E.

Pain have thare share of the School money to layout
whare they see fit

Aaron Cross Moderator

Recorded by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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A Report of the Treasurer of the School & Ministeral
funds of Bethel, March 4th 1842

Samuel B. Lock

James Lock

Charles R. Lock

3

129,39

Anthony Besse

Timothy Chapman

Mica^h Blake

John Cushan

Jonathan Blake

3

40,95

3

50, "

Joseph Whitman

Carresson Whitman

Thomas C. Cushan

3

300, "

Jesse Cross
Joseph Twichell
Daniel Gout

3

40,93

Aaron Cross
Jesse Cross
Moses T, Cross

55, "

Charles R Locke
James Locke

3

65

Joseph Wheeler
Peter Wheeler

3

44, "

Eliphaz Kilgore
Moses W. Rilye
Ira Kilgore

3

60, "

Daniel Wheeler
A Wheeler
Aaron Cross

3

40,08

John Hrris
Wm Whitcomb
Aaron Cross

3

42,00

Jonathan Abbot Jr	}	
Jonathan Abbot		143,00
Addison Abbot		

John Mills	}	
Nathan Grover		86,00
George Grover		

Joseph Barker	}	
Aaron Mason		60,00
Samuel Barker		

Ezra Twitchell	}	45 00
Haadeas Twitc hell		

Robins Brown Mortg	}	342,00
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Kimball Bean	}	
Elihae Kilgore		69,27
Crocker Bean		

James Lock	}	30,00
Charles Lock		

Asa Bartlett

Reuben Bartlett

Isaac Littlehale

3

48,50

Total 1165,35

(Signed) Robbins Brown Treasurer

A true copy

Rec"d by Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March the 19-1842

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables for the Town
of Bethel -----

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of Maine
to notify & warn the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to
vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town house in Said
Bethel on Saturday the ninetennth Day of March Instant at
one O'clock in the afternoon to act on the following
Articles viz-----

1st To choose a Moderator to Said Meeting

2d To rais Money to repair highways

3d To rais Money to Defray Town charges

4th To act on any other Buisness the town may think
proper when meet -----

The Oversears of the Poor shall take masuses to
to Dispose of the on Said Day -----

Given under our hands this Eighth Day of March 1842

Phineas Frost	{	Selectmen
Ebezzr EAmes		of
Nathan Grovier		Bethel

Pursuant to the the within warrant to me Directed I have notified the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in Town affars to meet at the time an(d) place & porpose within mentioned by Posting up Notices according to Law

Gilman Chapman	{	Constable
		of
		Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in town affars met at the time and place within mentioned & the Meeting being Opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to Buisness and

Turn over

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1st Maide choice of Leander Jewett Moderator

2d Voted to adjoin thirty mints

Meet according Aadjornment

1st Voted to raise two thousand Dollars to repair highways -

2 Voted to raise one hundred & fifty in addition to the one hundred that was reused at the farst meeting this Spring on March the 7th 1842

3 Voted to allow Doc Wily five Dollars vs Sixty Eight

cents & to pass over the remainder of the account

Leander Jewette Esq

Moderator

Recd by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 8th 1842

Personally appeared Gilman Chapman & took
the Oath perscribed by Law to qualify him to take charge the
Duties of the Office of Constable and Collecttor of Taxes
before me

Elias M. Carter J.P.

Recorded by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Anual Meeting April 11th 1842

in conscequence of not having the Moderator Sworn at the
fuist Meeting March 7th 1842

To Isreal Kimball Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hearby notified in the name of the State of Maine to
Summon & Notify the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualifed to
vote in Town affars to assemble at the Town house in Said
Bethel on Mondy the Eleventh Day of April Instant at ten of
the Clock A.M. to act on the following Aricles Viz-----

First To choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2d To choose a town Clerk

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

- 3d To choose Selectmen
- 4th To choose Assessors
- 5th To choose Overseers of the Poor
- 6th To choose a Treasurer
- 7th To choose a Constable or Constables
- 8th To choose a Collector
- 9th To choose highway Surveyers
- 10th To choose Surveyers of Lomber
- 11th To choose Surveyers of Wood
- 12th To choose Fence Viewers
- 13th To choose Field-Drivers
- 14th To choose Pound-Keepers
- 15th To provide a Pound or Pounds
- 16th To choose a Town Agent
- 17th To choose Tythingmen
- 18th To choose Sextons
- 19th To choose School Committy
- 20th To choose School Agents
- 21st To allow Accounts
- 22t To rais Money to Defray town charges
- 23d To rais Money in support of Schools
- 24th To rais Money to repair highways
- 25th To see what order the Town will take on the Petition
of Justus Bean and others in regard to the Barker Ferry so
called
- 26th To see if the Town will Vote to set John B Mason
into School Destrict No 25 by his request

27 To see what Method the Town will take in regard to
Poor ----- Turn Over

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28th To act upon any other Artice the Town shall think
proper when meet -----

The Selectmen will be in session at the Said house on the
Said Day at O'clock A.M. to receve Voters & Given under our
hands this first Day of April 1842

Moses Mason	}	Selectmen
Isreal Kimball		of Bethel

Bethel April 11th 1842

Pursuant to the within warrant to me Directed I have
Notified & warned the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified
to Vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place for
the pospose within mentioned by posting of Notice in the
usual place ten Days before Said Meeting

Israel Kimball Constable of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said
Bethel meet the time and place therein mentioned and the
meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceded to busness
First Made choice of Aaron Cross Moderator who was then
and there Sworn to the faithfully Discharge the duties of
Said Office before Moses Mason Esq -----

2d Made chois of Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk who was then and there Sworn to the faithfull Discharge of his Duties as the law requis by the Moderator

3d Made choise of Phineas Frost for the first Selectmen

4th Made choise of Ebn Eames for the Second "

5th Made choise of Nathan Grover for the third "

Personally appeard Phineas Frost Ebnerer Eams and Nathan Grover and ware Duly Sworne to the faithfull Discharge of the Office of Selectmen of the Town of Bethel for the year insuing before me

Wm Frye Justice of the Peace

6th Made chois of Phineas Frost Ebn Eames & Nathan Grover for assessors

Personally appeared Phineas Fros Ebn Eames & Nathan Grover and made Oath that being chosen Assessors for the Town of Bethel for the year ensuing they wood preceed equally and impatticilly according to there best skill and judgment

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in assesing and appportioning all said votes and taxes as they may according to law be Directed to assess and apporatin during that time before me

Wm Frye Justice of the Peace

7th Voted to have the Selectmen Oversears of the Poor

8 Maide choise of Elias M. Carter Town Treasurer

9th Maid choise of Gilman Chapman & E. C. Bean Constables

- 10th Voted to have all other Officers choosen by hand
Ballot
- 11 Voted to have the Same Collecttor that Pid of the
Taxes at the first meeting on the 7th of March 1842
and to give the same Sarettes or Bondsmen and Same per
per centum
- 12th Voted to have the same highway Surveyers that was
chosen at the first Anual Meeting March 7th 1842
- 13th Voted to have the Surveyers of Lumber the Same
- 14th Voted to have the Surveyers of Wood the Same
- 17th Voted to have the Fence vewers field Drivers and Pound
Keepers the Same -----
- 18th Maide choise of Wm Frye town Agent by balloting
- 19th Voted to have the Same Tythingmen that was choosen at
the Anual meeting March 7th 1842
- 20th Voted to have the Same Sextons
- 21st Voted to have the Same School Committy
- 22d Voted to allow accounts the Same
- 23d Voted to raise money in the Same Maner to Defray Town
charges for the Support of Schools and for the Repairs
of highways as was raised at the Anual Meetings 7th of
March and 19th 1842
- 24th Voted to pass over the 25th Article
- 25th Voted to have John B Mason sat of unto District No 25
- 26th Voted to have the Poor left in the hands of the
Selectmen
- 27th Voted that Jedh Grover Franklin Cross and Charles E

Cain Shoald have those proprisal Part of those School
money to lay out as they see fit -----

Aaron Cross Moderator

Recorded by

Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town
of Bethel

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of
Maine to noty & sommon the Inhabitants of said Town
quallified according to the Constution to assemble at the
Town House in said Town on Monday the twelveth Day of Sept
nex at eleven O'clock A.M. to give in their votes for a
govenor for the thee cenators, for one Representative in the
next Legistature for three commisheners for a Clerk of the
Courts for a County attourny for a County Treasurer -----

The Selectmen will be in session at the Townhouse on
Mondy of the Election from nine till eleven Oclock for the
porpose of receving evidence of the qualifications of voters

Given under our hands at Bethel thie 30th Day of August
AD. 1842

(Signed)

Phineas Frost

Ebnr Eames



Sect. of

Bethel

Bethel Sept 12th 1842

Pursuant to the within warrant to me Directed I have
sommined notified & warned the Inhabitants of the Town of
Bethel to meet at the time & place & for the porpose within
mentioned Seven Days previous to the Day of Said Meeting

(Signed)

Gilman Chapman

Cousble

of

Bethel

A true Copy of the original warrant & return thereon

Attest

Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Bethel
qualified to vote as therein expressed meet at the time &
place therein mentioned and the meeting being Opened by the
Charmen of the Selectmen gave in there Votes as follows Viz

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Whole Num of Votes for Governer

Two hundred & ninety five

John Fairfield had two hundred & thirty six

Edward Robinson had thirty

James Appleton twenty eight

For Senators

John W Danel had two hundred thirty six

Virgel D. Paris had two hundred thirty
Lee Strickling had two hundred thirty five
Benjamin Thompson had thirty Jefferson Hall had 28
Cllice Hayford had thirty Francis Hamblin 28
Andrew brown had thirty Ira Bartlett had 28

For County Commissioners

James Osgood had two hundred & thirty six Votes
Jonathan B Smith had two hundred & thirty six
Isaac N Manly had two hundred & thirty five
David Noys had thirty Votes, Zury Robinson had 28
Timothy Gibson had thirty, Amos Saunders had 28
Samuel Holmes had thirty Seth B. Nevell had 28

For Clerk of the Courts

Joseph G. Cole had two hundred thirty six Votes
Thomas Clark had thirty Votes

For County Treasurer

Levi Stowel had two hundred & thirty fore votes
Francis Bemus had thirty votes Daniel Stowell had twenty
eight Alanson Malen had one vote

For County Attorney

Elbrige Gerry had two hundred & thirty six votes
Peter C. Virgin had thirty votes

For Representative to the Legeslature

Wm Frye had two hundred and thirty five votes
"

Alphin Twitchell had forty nine votes

Recorded by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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of Bethel

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said Town on Mondy the twelveth Day of Sept next at eleven
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for three County Commisheners for a Clerk of the Courts for
a County Attourny for a County Treasurer ----

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(Signed)

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Ebnr Eames

Sect of

Bethel

Bethel Sept 12th 1842

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mentioned seven Days previlous to the Day of Said Meeting

(Signed)

Gilman Chapman

Cons,ble

of

Bethel

A true Copy of the original warrant & return thereon

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Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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For Representative to the Legislature
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Recorded by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constaples for the Town of
Bethel

You are hereby requested in the name of the State of Maine
to notify & warn the Inhabitants of said Town quallified to
vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Townhouse in said
town on Mondy the 16th Instant at ten O'clock in the fore-
noon to Act on the following Articles Viz

First To choose a Moderator

Second To see what action the Town will take on the
Petition of G.G. Holt and others to have part of Bethel &
howard gore incorborated into a name Town

Third To if the Town will vote to Divide the Town of
Bethel on the range of Hills near the Parish line or on
the Parish line

fouth To transact any other buisness that may legally come
before Said meeting

Given under our hands this sixth Day of Jan one
thousand eight hundred & forty three

(Signed)

Phineas Frost

Ebnr Eames

Select

of

Bethel

A true Copy of the Original warrant

Attest Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

I hearby certify that I have Posted an attested Copy of this
warrant in three Pukblick Places in Sad town Seven Days
before the Day of within mentioned Meeting

Bethel Jan 16-1843 Gilman Chapman

Constable

of

Bethel

A true Copy of the returns on Said warrant

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said
Bethel qualified to act on town affirs meet at the time &
place within mentioned and the meeting being opened by the
Town Clerk proceded to Buisness

First Made chois of Leander Jewette for Moderator who was
then and there Duly swon to the faithful and impartial
Discharge of his Dutes before the Town Clerk

2d Voted to pass over the sechond Article and take up
the third article

- 3d Voted to see if the Town would Divide the Town of Bethel in any shape crosswise which was Decided in negative by Poleing the house with a large Majerity
- 4th Voted to See if the Town would set of the Inhabitants on the North Side of the Androcoggin River according to the Petition of G. G. Hoyt and Others on to Howards Gore and make a new town & to have it called which was decided in the negative by one hundred & forty to nineteen
- 5th Voted to have the Selectmen & Town Clerk inform our Representative or the Legeslature of the Proceodings of this meeting and to give him an account have the votes Standes for and against the Seting of the Inhabitants on the North Side of Said River according to the Petition of G. G. Hoyt & Others

Leander Jewette Esq Moderator

Recorded by

Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Counstaples for the Town of Bethel

You are hearby requested in the name of the State of Maine to notify & warn the Inhabitants of Said Town quallified to vote in Town affars to assemble at the ~~the~~ Townhouse in Said town on Mondy the 16 Instant At ten O'clock in the forenoon to

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Petition of G. G. Hoyt and others to have part of Bethel &
Howards gore incorporated into a new Town

Third To if the Town will vote to Divide the Town of
Bethel on the range of Hills near the Parish line the Parish
line

forth To transact any other buisness that may legally come
before Said Meeting

Given under our hands this sixth Day of Jan one
thousand eight hundred & forty three

(Signed)	Phineas Frost	{	Select
	Eb ^{nr} Eames		of
			Bethel

A true Copy of the Origenal warrant

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			of
			Bethel

A true copy of the returns on Said warrant

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote on town affars meet at the time & place within mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceded to Buisness

- First Made chois of Leander Jewette for Moderator who was then and there Duly sworn to the faithful amd impartial Discharge of his Dutes before the Town Clerk
- 2d Voted to pass over the sechond Article and take up the third article
- 3d Voted to see if the Town would Divide the Town of Bethel in any shape crosswise which was Decided in the negitive by Poleing the house witha large Majority
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- 5th Voted to have the Selectmen & town Clerk inform our Representative and the Legeslature of the Proceodings of this meeting and to give him an account how the votes Standes for and aganist the Seting of the Inhabitants on the North side of Said River

according to the Petition of G G Hoyt & others

Leander Jewette Esq Moderator

Recorded by

Elilphas C Bean Town Clerk

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Anuel Town Meeting March 6th 1843

To Gilman Chapman Constable of the Town of Bethel

You are hearby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town qualified to
vote in Town affars to assemble at the Town house in Said
town on Monday the Sixth Day of March next at 10 ten O'clock
in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz-----

First To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2d To choose a Clerk for Said Town

3d To Choose three or more Selectmen

4th To choose three or mor Assessors

5th To Choose a Treasurer for Said Town

6th To Choose a Collector or Collecttors of Taxes

7th To Choose one or more Constables

8th To Choose field Drivers

9th To Choose fence vewers

10th To Choose highway Surveyers

11th To Choose Surveyors of lumber

12th To Choose Tythingmen

13th To Choose Sealors of Lether

- 14th To Choose measurers of wood and Bark
- 15th To Choose one or more Pound Keepers
- 16th To Rais money to repair Highways
- 17th To Rais money in Support of Schools
- 18th To Rais money to Defray Town Charges
- 19th To Choose Surpertending School Committy
- 20th To Choose School Distrct Agents
- 21th To See what method the Town will take to make Plesant
River Bridge safe -----
- 22d To See if the Town will except of a Road laid out to
consien Edwin Coffin & Others
- 23d To See if the Town will except of a Road laid out to
consien Lenard Whitman
- 24th To see if the Town will except of a Road laid out to
consaein Alvah Whaaler and others
- 25th To Choose a Town agent
- 26th To See what methard the Town will take to make a peace
of Road laid out from James Walker's to A Harry

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- 27th To See if the Town will vote that Neat Beasts may run
at large in Said Town
- 28th To See if what methord the Town will take to Support
the Town's Poor
- 29th To See if the Town nid furnish one or more Pounds
- 30th To See if the Town will approve & except of the list

Jorours as shall be laid before the Town Meeting by
the Selectmen

31st To what methard the Town will take to Draw Jorours for
the future

32d To abbserve and allow accounts

33d To Sextons

34th To transact any other Buisness the Town may think
proper when meet

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town house on
the morning of the allecttin from nine Tell Ten Oclock
fer the porpose of recvig evidence of qualification of
votors

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty first
Day of Febuary AD. 1843

Phineas Frost	{	Selectmen
Nathan Grover		of
	{	Bethel

Persuant to the within warrant to me Direoted I have
Notified qualified to vote in town affars meet at the time
and place within mentioned and for the perpose Seven Days
before the Day of the Said meeting

Bethel March 8th 1843	Gilman Chapman	{	Constable
			of
		{	Bethel

A true Copy of the original warrant & return thereon

Attest Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

Turn over

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Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in Town affars meet at the time and place as therein expressed and preceded to Buisness as follows the meeting being Opened by the Town Clerk and First Maid chois of Aaron Cross for Moderator who was then and there in Open Town Meeting Sworn to the faithfull and impartial Discharge of his Dutys before the Town Clerk

2d Maid chois of E. C. Bean Town Clerk who was Sworn according to law by Elias M. Carter Justice of the Peace

3d Voted to pass over the third Article and act on 32d to allow accounts

4th Voted to allow Phineas Frost's account being 37.50

5th Voted to allow Ebn Eames' account being 30.86

6th Voted to allow Nathan Grover's account being 22.92

7th Voted to allow Elias M Carter's account being 15.60

8th Voted to allow Eliphas C Bean account being 2.50

9th Voted to allow Walter Mason account being 1.50

10th Voted to allow Doc John Grover account being 2.00

11th Voted to allow Leander Jewett account being 1.00

12th Voted to allow Charles B Lock account being 2.00

13th Voted to allow Gilman Chapman's at being 4.00
 14th Voted to allow Isreal Kimball account being 5.75
 15th Voted to have Isreal Kimball's account or tax Bill to
 be left in the hands of the Selectmen
 16th Voted to reconside the last vote taken and to have a
 Committy of three raised to report to the Town how
 much Isreal Kimball tax Bill shall be dedicted
 17th Maid chois of Timothy Hastings Robert Chapman Ebn
 Eames
 18th Voted to allow Timothy Ayer's account being 9.00
 on his next highway tax and if Said account more then
 covers his tax he is to be allowed on the next tax
 following
 19th Voted to have Robins Brown's account allowed being
 4.00
 20th Voted that Robins Brown's Bill of cost be laid on the
 Table
 21st Voted to have Norman Clark's account being 3.00 left
 in the hands of the Committy thet was chosen to see
 what Deduction had accept to be made on Isreal
 Kimball's Tax Bills

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22d Voted to have Ball Bartlett's account being 5.00 to be
 laid on the Table -----
 23d Made chois of John Grover for the first Selectmen

24th Made chois of Nathan Grover Seckond Selectmen

25th Maid chois of Wm Goddard third Selectmen

26th Maid chois of John Grover furst Assessor

27th Maid chois of Nathan Grover 2d "

28th Made chois of Wm Goddard 3d "

who was then and there Sworn in Open Town meeting as
the Law Directs by Elias M. Carter Justice of the Peace
within and for the County of Oxford

29th Made chois of Elias M. Carter for Town Treasurer who
was then and there in Open Town Meeting Sworn by the
Clerk as the Law Directs

30th Voted to Set up the collection of Taxes at the lowest
Bidder which was Bid of by Gilman Chapman at five and
half precentum and he produced Mich Blake and
for his Bondsmen and they were excepted by the Town
Personally appeared Gilman Chapman and took the Oath
as the Law parcrebes to qualify him for a collector of
Taxes by Elias M Carter

31st Made chois of Gilman Chapman & Eliphaz C Bean for
Constables

32d Voted to pass over the 8 & 9 articles and take up the
tenth

33d Made chois of	Ebnh Eames
Alphin Twitchell	Hynam Holt
Lezer Row	Elias M. Carter
Zenas Cary	Elizer Twitchell
Amziah Nuttin	David Sanborn

David Sanborn

Joseph Twitchell

Caleb Row

Tylor P. Town

Jacob Grover X

Elizah G Harding X

Edmund Bean X

Hezekiah Moody

David Blake X

Alfred Estes

For Highway Surveyors

34th Made chois of the Highway Surveyers for Field Drivers
and Fence Viewers Turnover

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who was then and there Sworn to the fathfull and
impartial Discharge of the Several Dutys those that
have not this X cross before Jed"ah Burbank Justice of
the Peace within and for the County of Oxford

35th Made chois of George Elinwood Pinkney Burnham
Hatcher York Clark Robertson for Surveyars of Lumber

36th Made chois of George Chapman David Sanborn & Ball
Bartlett for Tuthingmen

37th Made chois of Elbridge Chapman and George and Pinkney
Burnham Survyers of Wood & Bark

38th Made chois of Robert Chapman Sealer of Lether

39th Made chois of the Highway Surveyers for Pound keepers
 40th Voted to pass over the 16th Article and take up the
 21st

41st Voted to have Plesant River Bridge left in the hands
 of the Selectmen and they are to get the Highway Ser-
 veyes to repair Said Bridge

42d Voted to pass over the 16th Article and take up 26th

43d Voted to leve the Road laid out from James Walkers to
 Albany in the hands of the Selectmen

44th Voted to raise three thousand Dollars to repair
 highways

45th Voted to rais what money the law requires for the
 support of Schools

46th Voted to raise fore hundred Dollars to Defray
 town Charges

47th Made chois of Rev Ch...is Frost Rev BenJ...n Dunham
 and Eliphaz C. Bean for Supertending School Committy

48th Made chois of Samuel Bean Zenath Cary Aaron Mason
 Elizah G. Harding Ep...m Whitcomb E C Twitchell
 Isaac B Littlehale Josiah Brown for Sextons

49th Voted that George V Elinwood be agent in No 5 Dest.

50th Voted that the rest of Destricts choose there own
 Agents

51th Voted to except of a Road laid out to conveyne
 Edmin Coffin and others

52th Voted to except of a Road laid out to convene Leander
 Whitman

53th Voted to except of a Road to convene Alvy Wheeler
"

54th Maid chois of Wm Frye Agent for Said town
"

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55th Voted to have Cows run at large
"

56th Voted to have the Towns Poor left in hands of the
" Selectmen

57th Voted that the List of Jurours made out by the Select-
" men and Town Clerk to be excepted

58th
"

59th Voted to have Franklin Cross Jed..ah Grover &
" Charles E. Pane have there propotion of the School
money

60th Voted to have the 49th article reconsidered and that
" the Districh choose there own Agent

Aaron Cross Moderator

Recorded by

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Oct 24th-1842

Roads

Agreeable to a Petetion from Leander Whitman to lay him a
Road. Commenced at a stake & Stones Standing on the line
between Said Whitman & Joseph Twitchell two Rods west of the
Gate first run North 35 Dg West 56 Rods thence North 40 Dg
west 36 Rods thence North 17 Dg west 88 Rods to the Joseph
Twitchell Road East of his barn Said Road to be a Bridle

Road whole Distance 180 Rods

(Signed)

Phineas Frost

Nathan Grover

{ Selectmen
of
Bethel

The foregoing a true record of the Original report as made
to and by the Town

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Oct 20th 1842

Agreeable a Petition from Jeremiah Grover &
others for a Road laid out Commenced at the House of Alvah
Wheelers first run North 32 Dg. West 26 Rods thence South
10 Dg. West 26 Rods thence South 18 Rods thence South 40
Dgs. West 18 Rods thence South 51 Dg. West 94 Rods thence
South 37 Dg. 42 Rods whole Distance 224 rods

(Signed)

Nathan Grover

Walter Mason

{ Selectmen
of
Bethel

The following is a true Reckord of the original report as
made to and by the Town

Attest Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

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By order of the Selectmen Oct 20th 1842

Agreeable to a Petition from Edwin Coffin & others for a
Road to be laid out Commencing a the House of John Hibbard

furst run North 29 Dg East 80 Rods thence North 52 Dg East
36 Rods Whole Distance Nathan Grover

(Signed) Walter Mason

{
Select
of
Bethel

The above is a true Report of the Original report made to
and by the Town Attest

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

This certifies that Charales Frost appeared before
me and was qualilfied as a member of the Supertending School
committee for the town of Bethel according to law

May 15th 1843

Moses Cole

Justice of the Peace

Oxford ss.. } Personally appeared Benjamin Dannham and
 } made Oath as the law perscribes to qualify
 } him as a member of the Supertending School Committee
for the town of Bethel -----

according to law before me

Bethel Nov 13th 1843

Eliphas C Bean

{ Justice
of the Peace

Oxford ss.. Personal appeared Eliphas C Bean and made oath
Rumford Jan as the law persorabes to qualifie him as one
1st 1844 of the Supertending School Committee in the

Town of Bethel before me

Jonathan Virgin

{ Justice
of

(the Peace

The above is a true Copy of the Original oaths as they were
taken

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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Bethel March 3d 1843

Statement of the Ministerial and School fund in Said Bethel

Due from the following Persons

John Mills Estate	}	86.
Nathan Grover &		
George W. Grover		
Jesse Cross & Aaron & Moses T. Cross	3	55.
Jesse Cross Joseph Twitchell and	3	40.95
Daniel Grant		
John Harris W A Whitman	3	42.00
Aaron Cross		
Asa Bartlett Reubin Bartlett	3	48.00
and Isaac B. Littlehale		
Joseph & Harrison Whitman	3	900.
Thomas T. C. Cushman		

Joseph & Peter Wheeler	3	44.
Thomas Hastings Estate		
Samuel B Locke & Charles and	3	129.37
James R Locke		
James & Charles R Locke	3	30.
Jonathan R & Aaism Abbot	3	43.
Anthony Besse & Timothy Chapman	3	340.90
Joseph Barker & Aaron Mason	3	
and Samuel Barker		60.
Miciah Blake & John Cushman	3	
Jonathan Blake		50.
Charles R Locke & James Locke		65
Daniel & Alvy Wheeler Aaron Cross	3	40.00
Ozra Twitchell Thadeas Twitchell	3	45.
Moses Elephas & Ira Killgore	3	360.
Jedidiah Grover Mortgage		128.50
Robbins Brown Mortgage		342.
Kimball Bean Execution		69.27
(Signed) Robbins Brown Treasurer		<u>\$1819.72</u>

Recorded by Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

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A List of Jurours

Willington Nowell	Hynam Holt	Timothy Bean
Jacob T. Kimball	Jonathan Stearns	Josiah Brown
Nathaniel Swan 2d	Daniel Eliot	David F Brown
Samuel Bean	Luther Eames	Thomas P. Harvard
Jonathan C Robertson	Charles R Locke	Timothy Hastings Jr
Eliphas C. Bean	Curatia Bartlett	Peter G. Smith
Stephen Colt 2d	Levi Twitchell	Amareou Oliver
Elihae Bean	John Bird	Moses Swan
John Russell Jr	John B Mason	George V Eligwood
Elias M. Carter	Ira C. Kimball	Peter Kimball
Henry C. Ward	George Chapman	David Sanborn
Elbridge Chapman	John Y. Duston	Daniel F Bean

The above is a list of Names for Jurors prepared by the
Officers March 6th 1843

Phineas Frost	3	Select
Nathan Grover		of
Eb..h Eames		Bethel

Elias M Carter) Treasurer

Eliphas C. Bean 3 Clerk

The above lis was excepted by the Town at the Anual Meeting

March 6th 1843

Article 57th

A true copopy of the Origenal List

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 22d 1843

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel

You are Notified in the name of the State of Maine to
warn the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in Town
affars to assemble at the School house in Destricks No 5 on
the twenty seckond Day of March at two O'clock PM to act on
the following Articles viz

First To choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2d To choose an Agent for said Destricks

3d To transact any other Buisness that may legally come
before Said Meeting

John Grover

Bethel March th3 1843 (Signed) Wm Goddard

Select

of

Bethel

Persuant to the within warrant to me Directed I have
notified the Inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified to vote in
town affars to meet at the time and place within mentioned
and for the porpos Seven days pervious to the Day of Said
Meeting

Bethel March 22th 1843

Gilman Chapman { Constable
of
Bethel

A true Copy of the Original warrant and return therein

Attest Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Bethel
meet at the time and place within mentioned and proceeded
to buisness the meeting being Opened by the Town Clerk

First Made chois of Timothy Hastings Jr Moderator

2D Made chois of George V Ellingwood agent for Destricks
No 5

3D Voted to have the agent Sworn who was then and there
Sworn to the faithful and impartial Discharge of his
Dutys before the Clerk Timothy Hastings Jr Moderator
Recorded by E. C. Bean Town Clerk

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Annual Election Meeting

To Gilman Chapman one of the constables of the Town
of Bethel

You are hearby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify an(d) warn the Inhabitants of State town qualified
according to the Constitution to assem(ble) at the town
house on the second Monday of Sept next at one O'clock in

the afternoon to give in there votes

For Governor

- " Senorters
- " Representative in the Legislator
- " One County Commissioner
- " County treasurer and
- " Representative to Congress

You will also give Notice that the Selectmen will be in session on said Day from ten O'clock in the forenoon to one O'clock in the afternoon for the porpose of hearing and diviaiang on the applicution of persons claiming the right to vote -----

Given under our hands at said Bethel Aug 23th 1843

(Signed) John Grover } Selectmen
Nathan Grover }

Persuant to the within warrant to Diricted I have notified the Inhabitants of Bethel according to Law to meet the time & place and for the porpose within mentioned seven Days before the Day of said Meeting

Bethel Sept 11th 1843
Gilman Chapman } Constable
of
Bethel

A true copy of the Original warrant

Sept 11th AD 1843 Attest E.C. Bean Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said

Bethel meet the time and place as thereing expressed and
the Meeting being Opened by the chareman of the Board of
Selectmen and gave in there vots as follows viz

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For Govenor whole number two hundred and fifteen

Hugh J Anderson had one hundred and seventy five

James Abbleton thirty

Edward Robinson ten

Represantives to Congress

John Herick had one hundred & seventy five

John Tucker ten

Burleigh Smart thirty

Senortors

John Pike had thirty

Samuel Sticking ten

George French thirty

Andrew Brown ten

Ira Bartlett thirty

Nathan Norcross ten

John W. Dance one hundred & seventy five

Lee Stricklin one hundred & seventy five

Wm Frye one hundred and sixty seaven

County Commishoners

Isaac N Stanley had ninety

John B Marreno ten

Joseph Tobin eighty

George W. Chapman 20 nine

County Treasurer

Thomas Clark had ten

David Stowell thirty

Levi Stowell one hundred seventy

Representative to the Legeslator

Edward Whittle had twenty six

Isaac Flint two

Benjamin Russell one

Josiah Small forty seven

Wm Noyes one handred and foreteen

Recorded by Eliphas C Bean Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman Constable of the Town of Bethel

Greeting-----

You are required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel, qualified agreeable to the Constitution to vote for State officers to meet at the Townhouse on Monday the second Day of October next at O'clock in the afternoon to give in there a representartives to the next Legislator to make seasonable returns of this warrant with the legal notice given

Given under our hands at our hands at our Office this

thirteenth Day of September AD 1843

(Signed)

John Grover

Nathan Grover

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Persuant to the within warrant to me Directed the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote according to the Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet at the time and place and for the perpose within mentioned Seven Days previous to the Day of Said Meeting

Bethel Sept 25th AD 1843

Gilman Chapman

Constable

of

Bethel

A true copy Attest

of the Original warrant and the

return thereon

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote as therein expressed meet at the time & place as therein mentioned and gave in there votes for a Representative for the next Legislator as follows

whole number of vote one hundred & thirty five

Wm Noyes had Seventy

Josah Small fifty five

Eward Whittle nine and three came in and voted after the Poles wer closed which make twelve

Recorded by Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman Constable of the Town of Bethel
 Agreeable to the Petitioners of the Inhabitants of the
 Town You are requested to notify and warn the Inhabitants
 of the Town of Bethel qualified to vote in Town affars to
 meet at the townhouse on Mondy the second Day of October
 next at three O'clock P.M. to act on the following Articles
 1st To choose a Moderator
 2d To See if the town will petition the County Commissuners
 to aiscentinue the road located by said commissoners
 from Tyler P Turners to Seth Wights

Given under our hands this twenty third Day of Sept
 AD 1843

(Signed)

John Grover

Nathan Grover

Selectn^{rs}

of

Bethel

Persuant to the within Warrant to me Directed I have
 notified the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in Town
 affars to meet at the time and place and for the porpose
 within mentioned Sevend Day before the Day of said meeting

Bethel Sept 25th 1843

Gilman Chepman

A true copy

Constable of

Attest

Bethel

of the Original warrant

and the return thereon

Eliphas C. Bean Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrant The Inhabitants of Bethel
qualified to vote in Town affairs meet at the time and place
as therein expressed and proceeded to buisness

First Made chois of Phineas Frost Moderator

2d Voted to pass over the second Article in the warrant

Recorded by Eliphas C. Bean as Town Clerk

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844

State of Maine

To Gilman Chapman costable of the town of Bethel
You are hereby required to notify and warn the qualified
voters of Bethel to assemble at the Townhouse on Monday the
fourth day of March 1844 at 10 Oclock A.M. to act on the
following articles Viz

Article 1 To chose a Moderator

" 2 To choose a Town Clerk

" 3 To choose Selectmen

" 4 To choose overseers of the Poor

" 5 To Choose Assessors

" 6 To Choose Fence Viewers

" 7 To Choose Treasurer

" 8 To Choose Surveyors of Highway

" 9 To Choose Surveyors of Lumber

" 10 To choose tythingmen

- Article 11 To choose Sealers of Leather
- " 12 To choose Measurers of Wood & Bark
 - " 13 To choose Constables
 - " 14 To choose Collector of Taxes
 - " 15 To choose School Committe & Agents for Districts
 - " 16 To choose Town Agent
 - " 17 To choose Pound Keepers
 - " 18 To choose Field drivers and all other necessary
officers & agents
 - " 19 To Raise money for Highways
 - " 20 To Raise money for to defray Town charges
 - " 21 To Raise money for the support of Schools
 - " 22 To see if the town will accept the road laid out
from Moses Sweats to James Walkers
 - " 23 To See if the town will axcept of the road laid
out from Thomas P. Howard to the county road
near Arnold Powers
 - " 24 To See what method the town will take to support
the poor
 - " 25 To See if the town will build Pounds as required
by law
 - " 26 To act on and accept Accounts
 - " 27 To See if the Town will divide the 7th school
district into two districts and set off a part
of No 7 to in 8 and set off Phineas Howard and
Thomas P. Howard from district No 6 to No
present district No 7

Article 28 To See if the Town will set Hezekiah Moody &
Stephen Estes from the 20th to No 21st school
district

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town House on
the first Monday in March from 9 till 10 A M to enter any
name of qualified voters not found on the list

Given under our hands at Bethel this seventeenth day of
Feb 1844

(Signed) J. Grover } Selectmen
Wm Goddard } of Bethel

A True copy of the original warrant

Attest Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Oxford ss. March 4. 1844

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have
notified and warned the qualilfied voters of Bethel to
assemble at the Time and place and for the purpose within
mentioned

(Signed) Gilman Chapman) Constaable
of Bethel

A true copy of the return on the original warrant

Attest Ira C. Kimball Clerk Town

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of
Bethel qualilfied as therein expressed met at the time and
place therein mentioned the meeting being opened by the

clerk and proceeded to business

1. Made choice of Phineas Frost Moderator and was Sworn
into office by the Town Clerk
2. Voted to pass over the 2d article and take up the 26th
3. Voted to allow Isaac Estes account 3..78
4. Voted to allow Gilman Chapman account 5..00
5. Voted to allow Nathan Grovers account 28..50
- 6 Voted to allow Elias M. Carters account 8..00
- 7 Voted to allow Wm Goddard account 45..42
- 8 Voted to allow Wm Goddard account 6..66
- 9 Voted to allow Eliphas C. Bean 56..81
- 10 Voted to allow Dy Roberts account in part and leave the
remainder with the Selectmen to adjust
- 11 Voted to allow James Walkers account 2,50
- 12 Voted to allow Dr John Grovers account 61,05 1/2
- 13 Voted to allow E. C. Bean account 4,00
- 14 Voted to Allow Charles Frosts account 8.25
- 15 Voted to allow Benjamin Dunham account 5.75

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Town Meeting March 4th 1844

State of Maine

To Gilman Chapman Constable of the Town of Bethel
You are hereby required to notify and warn the qualified
voters of Bethel to assemble at the Town house on Monday the
fourth day of March 1844 at 10 oclock AM to act on the

following articles Viz

- Article 1 To choose a Moderator
- " 2 To choose a Town Clerk
- " 3 To Choose Selectmen
- " 4 To Choose overseers of the Poor
- " 5 To choose Assessors
- " 6 To Choose Fence Viewers
- " 7 To choose Treasurer
- " 8 To choose Surveyors of Highway
- " 9 To choose Surveyors of Lumber
- " 10 To choose Tythingmen
- " 11 To choose Sealers of Leathor
- " 12 To choose Measurers of Wood & Bark
- " 13 To choose Constables
- " 14 To choose Collector of Taxes
- " 15 To choose School Committe & Agents for Districts
- " 16 To choose Town Agent
- " 17 To choose Pound Keepers
- " 18 To choose Field drivers and all other necessary
officers & agent
- " 19 To raise Money for Highways
- " 20 To Raise money for to defray Town charges
- " 21 To Raise money for the support of Schools
- " 22 To see if this town will accept the road laid
out from Moses Sweats to James Walkers
- " 23 To See if the town will accept of the road laid
out from Thomas P. Howards to the county road

near Arnold Powers

Article 24 To See what method the town will take to support
the poor

" 25 To See if the town will build Pounds as required
by law

" 26 To act on and accept accounts

" 27 To See if the town will divide the 7th School
district into two districts and sett off a part
of No 7 to No 8 and set off Phineas Howard and
Thomas P Howard from district No 6 to the
present district No 7

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Article 28 To See if the Town will set Hezekiah Moody &
Stephen Estes from 20th to the 21st school
district

The Selectmen will be in session at the town House
the first Monday in March from 9 till 10 AM to enter any
names of qualified voters not found on the list

Given under our hands at Bethel this seventeenth day of Feb
1844

	J. Grover	3	Selectmen
(Signed)	Wm Goddard		of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant

Attest Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Oxford ss. March 4. 1844

15 Voted to allow Benjamin Dunham account

5 75

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16th Voted to allow Robbins Brow account when he pays what
money there is due from him to the town as Trustee of
the School Fund

17 Voted to allow Robins Brown account as cash paid on
suit vs Kimball Bean on account of Ministerial &
School Fund 16.24

18 Made choice of Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk who was then
and there Sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duty
before the moderator in open town meeting

19 Made choice of Moses Mason 1st Wm Goddard 2d Elias
M. Carter 3d Selectmen of Bethel the ensuing year

20 Voted to pass over the 4th article and take up the 5th

21 Made choice of Moses Mason 1st William Goddard 2d
Elias M Carter 3d Assessor

22 Voted to pass over the 4th and take up the 7th article

23 Made choice of Ebeneaze Eames Treasurer

24 Made choice of X Jacob D. Grover X Elihu Bean

X James Grover 1st Eleager Twitchell

X David Sanborn Simeon Brown

Timothy Bean Eliphaz Kilgore

X Jonathan Chapman X Nathan E Hinge

X Hezekiah Andrews Isaac Estes

Eliphaz C. Bean ~~Abraham Bryant~~

	X Eli Estes	X Stephen Estes
	X James Daniels	Abraham Bryant
	Amaziah Nutting	Joseph A Twitchell
	Moses T. Cross	X Siles Grover }High-
	Peter G. Smith	Sumner Stearns }way
	X Zachariah Bean	John Hastings }Sur-
	X Andrew Stiles	James Lapham }veyors
25	Voted to choose one additional Highway Surveyor in James Walkers District	
26	Made choice of Jonathan Blake Highway Surveyor	
27	Voted to choose an additional Highway Surveyor in Humphery Beans District	
28	Made choic of X Humphery Bean Highway Surveyor	
29	Made choice of Pinckney Burnham Thatcher York Jonathan C. Robertson John A Twitchell and George V. Ellingwood Surveyors of Lumber	
30	Made choice of George Chapman Tyler P. Town Eliaze Twitchell Peter Powers David Sanborn & Sumner Stearns for Tythingmen	
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31	Made choice of Ira C. Kimball Sealers of Leather	
32	Made choice Ira C. Kimball Pinckeny Burnham Measurers of Wood and Bark	
33	Made choice of Ferdy C. Burbank & Hiram Holt 2d Constables	

- 34 Voted to set up the collectorship to the lowest bidders
and was struck off to Gilman Chapman for one cent nine
mills on the dollar
- 35 Made choice of William Frye Leander Jewett & Mighie
Mason Superintending School Committe
- 36 Voted to accept of George Chapman Collector
- 37 Voted to have each School District choose its own Agent
- 38 Made choice of William Frye Town Agent
- 39 Voted to excuse Leander Jewett from serving on the
Superintending School Committe
- 40 Voted the Highway Surveyors be Pound Keepers
- 41 Voted the Highway Surveyors be Field drivers
- 42 Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars for Highways
- 43 Voted to raise for Poun expenses five hundred dollars
- 44 Voted to raise for support of Schools what the law
requires
- 45 Voted to postprone action on the 22d article
- 46 Voted to accept of a road laid out from Thomas P. Howard
to the county road near Arnold Powers
- 47 Voted to have the Selectmen see to and take care of the
poor
- 48 Voted to reconsider the 47th on last vote
- 49 Voted to Set up the poor for one year to the lowest
bidder to be kept free from all expense to the Town
- 50 Voted that after the poor have been Soled singly they
shall all be put up together and See if any one will
take them cheaper than it will cost to sell them single

- 51 The Whitman Family (and cow belonging to the Town to be
retuned at the end of the year) was set up and was
Struck off to George Chapman for 73,00
- 52 William Grover was bid off by Hiram Twitchell for 65..00
William Burke was bid off by Joseph Holt for 27 00
William Russell was bid off by Levi Twitchell 28 00
- 53 Voted to leave John Russell in the hands of the
Selectmen with restrictions not to pay John Russell Jr
more than twenty five dollars for maintaining him

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- 54 Voted to leave the Farwell boy to be disposed of by the
Selectmen
- 55 Voted to leave the York Family to be disposed of by the
Selectmen
- 56 Made choice of Elias M Carter for one of the
Superintaning School committe in Place of L. Jewett
excused
- 57 Voted to pass over No 27 article
- 58 Made choice of Gilman Chapman Collector & Constable of
Bethel
- 59 Voted that Charles Paine Jedediah Grover Franklin
Cross have their share of the school money to be
expended by themselves for schooling as they see fit
- 60 Voted to set off Hezekiah Moody & Stephen Estes from
School district No 20 to School district No 21 Appeaned

Eleazer Twitchell, Simeon Brown Eliphaz Kilgore Isaac
Estes Abraham Bryant Justus Bean Joseph A Twitchell
Sumner Stearns James Lapman John Hastings Timothy
Bean Eliphaz C Bean Fletcher Kendall Amaziah Nutting
Moses G. Cross Peter G. Smith Jonathan Blake who were
all Sworn in open town meeting to the faithfull perform-
ance of the duties of their offices as Highway Surveyors
Pound Keepers & field drivers before Elias M Carter
Justice of the Peace

Phineas Frost Moderator

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeaared Moses Mason William Goddard
and Elias M. Carter and made oath according to law for the
faithfull prepormance of their duties as Selectmen and
Assessors for the Town of Bethel the ensuing year before me

Bethel March 12. 1844 Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Personally appeared Gilman Chapman and made oath according
to law for the faithfull performance of their duties as
Constable and collector of Bethel the ensuing year before me
Bethel March 12.1844 Ira C. Kimball) Town Clerk

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Personally appeared Fordyce C. Burbank and made Oath

according to law for the faithfull performance of his duty
as Constable of Bethel the ensuing year before me
Bethel March 12. 1844 Ira C. Kimball 3 Town Clerk

Road

Bethel Oct 17. 1843

On the petition of Phineas Howard Jr and others
Layed out a town road three rods wide commening at the north
west corner of Thomas P. Howards farm and running north
eighteen degrees west seventy five rods to a pola tree
thence north sixty five degrees west twenty eight rods to
station C thence North five degrees west Sixty eight rods to
Station D Thence north eighteen degrees west on this lot
line one hundred & fourteen rods to stake thence North fifty
two deagrees west thirty two rods thence north sixty two
degrees west nine rods thence north eighty four degrees west
ten rods thence north fifty degrees west fourteen rods to a
stone and stake on the county Road. No person appeared to
claim any damage and we have appraised no damage to anyone

(Signed)

J. Grover

Wm Goddard

Selectmen

of the Town

of Bethel

Recorded by I. C. Kimballl Town Clerk

Personally appeared John A Twitchell and made oath according
to law for the faithfull performance of his duty as Surveyor
of Lumber before me

Bethel March 15. 1844

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared George Chapman and made oath according to law for the faithfull performance of his duty as Tythingman for the ensuing year before me

Bethel March 16. 1844

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Personally appeared Jacob D. Grover Elihu Bean Hezekiah Andrews Eli Estes Stephen Estes James Daniels Zachariah Bean Umphrey Bean Jonathan C Robertson Eleazer Twitchell Peter Powers & Mighill Mason and made oath to the faithfull performance of their Several offices during the time of said offices before me

Gilman Chapman J. P.

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

March 19. 1844

Personally appeared Sumner I Stearns and made oath according to law for the faithful prepormance of his duty as Tythingman before me

March 19 1844

Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Thatcher York and made oath according to law to faithfully perform the duties of Surveyor of Lumber the ensuing before me

March 19. 1844

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Hiram Holt 2d and made oath for the
faithfull performance of his duty as Constable of Bethel the
ensuing year before me

March 20. 1844

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Jonathan Chapman and made Oath to
faithfully perform the duty of Highway Surveyor, Field
driver and Fence Viewer for the ensuing year before

March 22. 1844

Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared James Grover and made Oath to faith-
fully perform the duties of Highway Surveyor Field Driver
and Fence Viewer for the ensuing year

Bethel March 22. 1844 before me I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared John Sanborn and made Oath to faith-
fully perform the duties of Highway Surveyor the ensuing
year

April 13. 1844 before me

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town
of Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State
of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town
qualified according to the constitution to assemble at the

Town house in Said Bethel on the ninth day of September next at eleven of the Clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for governor for three Seanators and for one Representative in the next Legislature one County Commissioner and County Treasurer

2d To give in their votes on a resolution providing for an amendment to the Constitution, Shall the Constitution be amended as proposed by a rsolve of the Legislature providing that the anual meeting of the Legislature shall be on the Second Wednesday of May instead of the first Wednesday in January and that the Governor and other State officers elected for the political year commencing on the first Wednesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty five shall hold their Offices till the second Wednesday of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred forty six

3d To give in their votes for an act to establish a town court

Given under our hands at said Bethel the twenty seventh day of August AD 1844

Moses Mason	3	Selectmen
Wm Goddard		of
Elias M Carter	3	Bethel

Bethel Sept. 9. 1844

By virtue of the written warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified

according to the constitution to assemble at the town house
at the time and place and for the purpose within named or
mentioned seven days Before the day of Said meeting

Gilman Chapman Constable of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return thereon

Attest

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Sept 9. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place
therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chair-
man of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows viz

For
Governor

Hugh J. Anderson two hundred & forty eight
Edward Robinson Fifty nine
James Appleton thirty two

For
Representative
to Congress

William R Hayes two hundred & forty five
George Seammon fifty nine
Burleigh Smart thirty two
Joshua Herrick one

For

William Frye two hundred & forty two
Silas Barnard two hundred & forty Seven
Stephen H Chase two hundred & forty Seven

Senators

Timothy Carter fifty eight
Washington Long fifty nine
Ebeneazer Barker fifty nine
John Pike thirty two
George French thirty two
Ira Bartlett thirty two
Peter C. Virgin one

County
Commession

James burbank two hundred & forty seven
Peleg Wadsworth fifty nine
George W. Chapman thirty two

County
Treasurer

Levi Stowell two hundred & forty seven
Thomas Clerk fifty nine
Jacob Bradbury thirty two

For
Representative

to the
Legislature

James Walker one hundred & fifty one
Israel Kimball eighty five
Alphin Twitchell fifty six
Jonathan Abbot twenty eight
Eliphaz C. Bean thirty
Phineas Frost one
Micaiah Blake one - James Burbank one

on the 2d article the votes thrown were yes two hundred &

thirty two

No one

on the 3d article one hundred & thirty four No

fifteen

Yes

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constable of the town of Bethel you are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to summon and notify the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house on the ninth day of September next at three of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles viz
1st To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting
2d To see what Mr Brown will do in regard to repairing and making a road from John E. Farwells to Abial Chendlers
3d to see if the town will discontinue a road laid out from Eliha Kilgore's house to the river or Staples Ferry
4th to see if the town will refund or pay over to the twelfth school district the sum of five dollars & thirty cash being a mistake in making the dividend in 1843

Given under our hands the twenty seventh day of August AD 1844 at Bethel

	Moses Mason	}	Selectmen
Signed	Wm Goddard		of
	Elias M Carter		Bethel

Bethel Sept 9. 1844

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs

to assemble at the town house at the time and for the
purposes within mentioned Seven days before the day of
meeting - Gilman Chapman

Constable

of

A true copy of the original warrant Bethel
and return thereon

Attest Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Sept 9. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified to vote as therein expressed met at the time and
place therein named and the meeting being opened by the
Town Clerk proceded to give in their votes for Moderator
1st Made choice of Moses Mason Moderator who was sworn into
office by the Town Clerk

2d Voted to leave the Farwell road in the hands of the
Selectmen

3d Voted to pass over the third Article

4th Voted to give the 12th school District the sum of five
Dollars & Ninty cents

Moses Mason Moderator

Recorded by

Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of Bethel
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to

notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified according to the constitution to assemble at the town house in said Bethel on the thirteenth day of September instant at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for a Representative in the Legislature

Given under our hands at said Bethel this eleventh day of September AD 1844

Moses Mason
Elias M. Carter

Selectmen
of
Bethel

Oxford ss Sept 30. 1844

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned

Gilman Chapman

Constable
of
Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return therein

Attest

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Sept 30. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote as therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen proceeded to give

in their votes as follows viz.

For James Walker One hundred & one

Israel Kimball Ninety

Alphin Twitchell Fourteen

Jonathan Abbot Twelve

Note one vote was given for Alphin Twitchell written with a
Pencil

Presidential Election 1844

To Gilman Chapman one of the constables of the town
of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bethel qualified
according to the constitution to assemble at the townhouse
in said town on Monday the eleventh day of November instant
at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes
for Electors of President and Vice President of the United
States. Also to give in their votes for a Representative to
the twenty ninth Congress of the United States

Given under our hands this second day of November 1844

	Selectmen
Moses Mason	of
William Goddard	Bethel
Oxford ss November 11. 1844	

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and
warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and
place and for the purpose within mentioned

Gilman Chapman

Constable

of

Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return
thereon Attest I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Sept 9. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified to vote as therein expressed met at the time and
place therein named and the meeting being opened by the
Town Clerk proceeded to give in their votes for Moderator

1st Made choice of Moses Mason Moderator

2d Voted to leave the Farwell road in the hands of the
Selectemen

3d Voted to pass over the third article

4th Voted to give the 12th school District the sum of five
Dollars & Ninty cents

Moses Mason Moderator

Recorded by

Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of Bethel
You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to
notify and warn the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified
according to the constitution to assemble at the townhouse

in said Bethel on the thirteenth day of September instant at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for Representative in the Legislature

Given under our hands at said Bethel this eleventh day of September AD 1844

	Selectmen
Moses Mason	of
Elisas M. Carter	Bethel

Oxford ss Sept 30. 1844

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

	Constable
Gilman Chapman	of
	Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and return therein

Attest

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Sept 30. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen proceeded to give in their votes

as follows Viz.

For James Walker One hundred & one
Israel Kimball Ninety
Alphin Twitchell Fourteen
Jonathan Abbot Twelve

Note one vote was given for Alphin Twitchell written with
a Pencill

Presidential Election 1844

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town
of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Bethel qualified
according to the constitution to assemble at the townhouse
in said town on Monday the eleventh day of November instant
at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes
for electors of President and Vice President of the United
States - Also to give in their votes for a Representative to
the twenty ninth Congress of the United States

Given under our hands this second day of November
1844

Moses Mason
William Goddard

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Selectmen
of
Bethel

Oxford ss November 11.1844

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and

for the purpose within mentioned

Constable
Gilman Chapman of
Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and
return thereon

Attest I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Nov 11. 1844

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of
Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and
place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the
Chairman of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows

For	James W. Bradbury	Two hundred & forty two
	John Stickney	Two hundred & forty two
	John Foster	Two hundred & forty two
	Ichabod Jordan	Two hundred & forty two
	Alfred Pierce	Two hundred & forty two
	Joshua A Lowell	Two hundred & forty two
	Nathanial Robinson	Two hundred & forty two
	Levi Morrill	Two hundred & forty two
	Thomas Bartlett	Two hundred & forty two
	Edmond Kent	Fifty
	Rufus K Goodman	Fifty
	Samuel Braetty	Fifty

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Thomas A Debbois	Fifty
Throdore Marston	Fifty
Peter C. Uireni	Fifty
Samuel Taylor	Fifty
Charles P. Chandler	Fifty
George H Devereux	Fifty
Sanuel Fessenden	Thirty six
Drummond Fansworth	Thirty six
Henery Hobb	Thirty six
Nathaniel Pease	Thirty six
Charles Morse	Thirty six
Zury Robinson	Thirty six
William K Holt	Thirty six
Lionara Hathaway	Thirty six
Thomas D Smith	Thirty six
Busleigh Smart	Thirty six

Thirty three of the ballots given in for the ten last mentioned persons in this record bore ten names thereon and three there of had only the first nine names of said ten

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For Representaztive to Congress

For	William A Hayes	Two hundred & thirty eight
	George Seammon	Fifty
	Joshua Hernek	one

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Town Meeting Feb 3. 1845

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of
Bethel qualified to vote for Representative in the Legisla-
ture of this State to assemble at the town house on Monday
the third day of Feb next at eleven of the clock in the
forenoon to give in their votes for a representative to
represent the inhabitants of this State in the twenty ninth
Congress of the United States

Given under our hands at said Bethel the twenty
third day of January AD 1845

Moses Mason
Elias M. Carter

Selectmen
of
Bethel

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of the town of
Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
within mentioned

Bethel Feb 3. 1845

Gilman Chapman

Constable
of
Bethel

Pursuant to the within warrant the inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned the meeting being opened by Elias M. Carter gave in these votes as follows

For	Joshua Herrick	Sixty Eight
	William A Hayes	Eight
	Burleigh Lmark	Six
	George Leammon	One

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Annual Meeting March 3d. 1845

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to Summon and notify the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house on Monday the third day of March next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz

1st To Choose a moderator to govern said Meeting

2d do do Town Clerk

3d do do Selectmen

4th do do Assessors

5th do do a Treasurer

<u>6th</u>	do	do	Oversears of the Poor
<u>7th</u>	do	do	Collector or Collectors
<u>8th</u>	do	do	Constables
<u>9th</u>	do	do	Town Agent
<u>10th</u>	do	do	Superintending School Comitte
<u>11th</u>	do	do	Highway Surveyors
<u>12th</u>	do	do	Field Drivers
<u>13th</u>	do	do	Fence Viewers
<u>14th</u>	do	do	School district Agents
<u>15th</u>	do	do	Tythingmen
<u>16th</u>	do	do	Surveyors of Lumber
<u>17th</u>	do	do	Surveyors of Wood & Bark
<u>18th</u>	do	do	Sextons
<u>19th</u>	do		receive and allow accounts
<u>20th</u>	do		Raise money to defray town charges
<u>21st</u>	do		Raise money to repair Highways
<u>22d</u>	do		Raise money to Support Schools
<u>23d</u>	do		See what method the town will take to support the Poor
<u>24th</u>	do		See if the town will permit neat Cattle to run at large
<u>25th</u>	do		see what method the town will take to put some new covering on Bear river Bridge
<u>26th</u>	do		If the town will set of Isaac Estes from school district No 7 and anex him with his estate to district No 6
<u>27th</u>	To		see if the town accept the report of the Selectmen

on the John E. Farwell Road

28th To See what method the town will take in regard to a
Pound

Carred up

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29th To Choose Pound Keepers

30th To See if the town will set off a part of school
district No 6 & 7 and annex the same to district no
8 agreeable to a petition from Mighit Mason and
others

31st To transact any other business the town may think
proper when met

The Selectmen will be in session to the said town
House on the morning of the day of said meeting from nine to
ten of the clock to receive the evidence of the qualifica-
tion of voters

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of Feb-
ruary AD 1845

William Goddard 3 Selectmen
Elias M Carter 3 of
Bethel

Oxford ss

March 3d. 1845

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet
at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned

by posting three copies in the east, centre and west part of
said town seven days before the day of Said meeting of the
within warrant

Gilman Chapman Constable of Bethel

Copy of Warrant and return thereon

Attest I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of
Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and
place and for the purpose within mentioned and the meeting
being opened by the Town Clerk gave in their votes for Mode-
rator

1st.	Made choice of Moses B. Bartlett Moderator who was sworn to the faithfull discharge of his duty by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk	
<u>2d</u> "	Made choice Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk	
3d	Voted to pass over and act on the 19 article	
<u>4th</u> "	Voted to allow Moses Mason account	21..50
<u>5th</u> "	Voted to allow Wm. Goddard account	15..70
<u>6th</u> "	Voted to allow E. M. Carter's account	19..12 1/2
	Carried Over also account	1..78

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<u>7th</u> "	Voted to allow Ebenr Eames account	8.00
<u>8th</u> "	Voted to allow Gilman Chapman account	10.00

9th Voted to allow Robbins Brown Account 4.00
 10th Voted Not to allow Timothy Agess
 11th Voted Not to allow Peter Powers
 12th Voted Not to allow Doc F. Roberts account
 13th Made choice of Phineas Frost 1st X Elias M. Carter 2
 d X Eben^r Eames 3d
 14 do do Phineas Frost X Elias M. Carter and
 Eben^r Eames (Selectmen
 Assessors & Oversears thus were
 Sworn to the faithful discharge of
 their duties by Mr. B. Bartlett Esqr
 as Selectmen & Assessors
 15th Made choice of Eben^r Eames Treasurer
 16th Voted to pass to the 20th Article
 17th Voted to Raise five Hundred dollars to defray town
 charges
 18th Voted the collectorship be set up to the lowest
 bidder and was struck off to Gilman Chapman for two
 cents five mills on the dollar
 19th Made choice of Gilman Chapman Collector
 20th Made choice of Gilman Chapman & Hiram Holt 2d
 Constables
 21st Voted to accept Alphin Twitchell George Chapman and
 Timothy H. Chapman as Suritus for Gilman Chapman as
 Collectors
 22d Made choice of William Frye town agent
 23d Made choice Charles Frost Benj. Dunham & Mighill

Mason Superintending School Committe

24

Made choice of the following men for Highway
Surveyors

X George W. Grover	Eliphaz C. Bean
X Jonathan Cross	X Eli Estes
X James Grover 1st	X John Farwell
X Stephen Holt 2d	Stephen Hodsdon
John Y. Dustin	X Caleb Rowe
George V. Ellingwood	X Charles R. Locke
Winchester Whitman	X John Swift
X Simon Seavy	X Elazer Twitchell
X Simon brown	X David Estes
X Samuel J. Howard	X Isaac Estes
X Hezekiah Moody	X Richard Jordan
X Hiram Holt	Jeddiah Grover
X Thaddeus twitchell	X Hiram T. Ellingwood
X Wm F. Randall	X Umphrey Bean
Seth B. Newell	James A. S. Bartlett
X Jeddiah Estes	X Peter H Alber for
	for Joseph Twitchell Dist

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25th
"

Voted the Highway Surveyors be field drivers

26th
"

Voted to sell the poor to the lowest bidder that
will keep them one year from next wednesday free
from all expense to the town to be taken where the

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now live and returned with as good clothing as as they
have when taken

27th to leave the Whitman Family to be disposed of by the
Oversears of the poor

28th William Russell was bid off by Jeddiah Estes for
twenty five dollars 25..00

29th William burke was bid off by Abraham Briant for twenty
seven dollars twenty five cents 27.25

30th Voted to leave Mr. John Russell, Susan Farwell
Whitman boy and Powers boy to be disposed of by the
Oversears of the Poor

31th Voted each School District choose its own agents

32d Made choice of George Chapman Daniel C. Holt and
Joseph Peverly for Tythingmen

33d Made choice of Abernethy Grover Walter B Drew
Pinckney burnham & Jonathan C. Robertson for Survey of
Lumber

34th Made choice of X I. C. Kimball & X Thecther York for
Measurers of Wood & Bark
All persons who have a X prefixed to their names were
sworn to the faithfull discharge of their duties by
Mr. B. Bartlett Esq.

35th Made choice of Lvi Needham, Aaron Mason Elijah C
Harding Simeon Brown Eli Twitchell Josiah Brown
Isaac B Littlehale & Abraham Briant Sextons

36th Voted to raise what money the law requires for School

37th Voted to raise two thousand dollars to repair Highways

- 38th Voted neat cattle shall not run at large
39th Voted the covering necessary for Beer River Bridge be
left discestationary with the Selectmen
40th Voted to set Isaac Estes from school district No 7 to
district No 6
41st Voted to accept of the Selectmen report on the John E
Farwell Road
42d Voted the Field drivers yards be Pounds
43d Voted John L. Swan's cellar be a Pound
44th Voted the field Drivers be Pound Keepers

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- 45th Voted to pass over the 30th Article
46th Voted Jed Grover, F. Cross & Chs Pain have their Share
of their Share of the School money to be expended by
themselves in Schooling
47th Voted the old clothes belonging to the late Col York
be given to Peter York

Recorded by

Ira C. Kimball .. Town Clerk

Report of Selectmen of J. E. Farwell Road

The Selectmen of Bethel have attended to the examination of
the Road from John E. Farwell to Abial Chandler according to
a vote of said town Ask leav to report that in their
opinion that the said John E Farwell together with his

property shall be set on to School district No 12 and the road leading from his house to Abial Chandler be discontinued and a road from William Farwell to the said John E Farwell laid out

Bethel Nov 11. 1844 Moses Mason
Elias M carter

3 Selectmen
of Bethel

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Walter Drew and made oath for the faithful performance of his duty as Surveyor of Lumber for the ensuing year

Bethel March 7. 1845 I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared George V. Ellingwood and made oath to the faithfull performance of his duties as Highway Surveyor Fence Viewer. Field driver & Pound keeper for the ensuing year

Bethel March 8. 1845

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Mighill Mason and made oath to the faithfull performance of his duties as Supertinding School Committe for the ensuing year

Bethel March 22. 1845

I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Personally appeared Rev Charles Frost and made oath for the
faithfull performance of his duty as supertending school
committe for the ensuing year

Bethel April 23. 1845 Ira C. Kimball - Clerk

Personally appeared Abenathy Grover and made oath for
the faithfull performance of his duty as surveyor of Lumber
for the ensuing year

bethel May 21. 1845

Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Lumber --

Personally appeared Gilman Chapman and made oath for
the faithfull purformance of his duty as Constable for the
ensuing munierpal year or until another is chosen in his
stead

Bethel Jan 20. 1846 I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Sept 8. 1845

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel

You are required in the name of the state of Maine to notify
and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in
town affairs to assemble at the town House in said town on
Monday the eighth day of Sept next at eleven of the Clock
in the forenoon to act on the following artiicles Viz
1st. To choose a Moderator

2d

To see what action the town will take in relation to
the pleasant river Bridge

3.

To see what nethod the town will direct in relation
to the maintainance of the Widow Conn

- th
4 To See what the town will drict in relation to the
town way from Robbins Brown to Silas Grover
5 To See if the town will accept of a road as laid to
the farm where John E. Farwell famialy lives-----

- th
6 To See if the Town will accept a road as laid to
Andrew Stiles. An atteration in the road to Samuel
Hassetines
7. To transact any legal business which may come before
them when met

Given under our hands at Bethel Aug 16. 1845

Phineas Frost	}	Selectmen
Elias M. Carter		of
Eben Eames		Bethel

Aug 16. 1845

By virtue of this warrent I have notified the inhabitants
of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purposes
within named

Constable of

Gilman Chapman

Bethel

A true copy of the orignial warrant and retrun thereon

Attest Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
met at the time and place and gave in their votes for

Moderator. The Meeting being opened by the the Clerk

1st. Made choice of of Phineas Frost Moderator who was
sworn into office by the Town Clerk

^d
2 Voted that the Selectmen shall post up notices of a
meeting of the Selectmen at Pleasant River Bridge in
Oct. next for the purpose of letting to the lowest
bidder the job of building the abutment of Said Bridge
with Stone. Also for the Selectmen to See that the
bridge be put in order so that it will be safe through
the winter

^d
3 Voted to pass over ^d 3 article with instructions to the
Selectmen to insurt the same article in the warrant
for our next March meeting

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th
4 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to examine the
differant routes for the Grover Hill road and lay out

a new road or repair the old road beginning at Robins Brown

th
5 Voted to direct the Selectmen to see to the road as
laid out round Goodnour Hill and round a Hill between
Walkers & Lockes Mills

th
6 Voted to accept of the road as laid by the Selectmen
to the farm where John E. Farwell lived

th
7 Voted to accept the road as laid by the Selectmen to
Andrew Stiles

th
8 Voted to accept of the alterative by Samuel Hassetine

road as made by the Selectmen
9th Voted to accept a road as laid by the Selectmen from
Israel Kimball to Jeddiah T. Kimball

Phineas Frost Moderator

Recorded by Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Road

Bethel June 6. 1845

Agreeable to a vote of the town directing the Selectmen of
Said town to survey a road to convene the farm John E.
Farwell has lived on near Wm. Farwell

First commencing at the House on said farm run north 87d
west 46 rods thence south 88d west 24 rods thence North 77d
west 12 rods thence north 88d west 24 Rods then South 78d
west 8 Rods thence North 37d West 20 Rods thence North 19d
West 26 Rods thence north 10d east 25 Rods thence north 30d
east 22 Rods thence north 8d west 76 Rods to a stake and
Stones on the Farwell Road near Will Samuel Farwell House
Said Road to be a bridle Road and no carriage clainces

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
Eben Eames } of Bethel

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Road

Agreeable to a petition of Andrew Stiles the Selectmen pro-

ceeded to lay a road commencing at the south corner of said
Stiles House thence north 82d west 30 rods to the town road
to be one rod wide each side of said line

Bethel June 1845

Elias M. Carter	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Ebn ^r Eames		

Recorded by Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Road

Bethel June 1845

Agreeable to a petition of Samuel Hasseltine

1st Commencing on the old road east of old Brick yard
thence south 30d east 52 Rods thence south thirtyfour d east
26 Rods thence South 25d east 60 Rods to a stake and stones
2 rods east of said Hassettines Barn to be one and one half
wide on each side of Said line

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Eben Eames		

Recorded by I. C. Kimball Town Clerk

Road

As laid out on Petition of Jeddiah T. Kimball commence
at the county road nearly oposite of the House of Israel
Kimball thence south 41d east 26 Rods thence South 67d east
54 thence South 20d east 36 Rods thence South 50d east 35
Rods to the House of said J.T. Kimball Said road to be a
bridle road

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen of Bethel
Ebn ^r Eames		

Sept. 8. 1845

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel

You are required in the name of the State of Maine to notify
and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified according to
the constitution to assemble at the town house in said Town
on Monday the eight day of Sept^r next at one of the clock in
afternoon to give in their votes for a Governor for three
senators one representative in the next Legislature a Repre-
sentative to Congress a County Attorney Clerk of the Courts
County Treasurer & County Commissioner The Selectmen will
be in session at the town House in the morning of the
Election from ten to one of the clock for the purpose of
receiving evidence of the qualifications of voters whose
names have not been entered on the list of voters

Given under our hands

at Bethel Aug 16. 1845

Phineas Frost

Elias M. Carter

Ebner Eames

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Aug 16. 1845

By virtue of this warrant to me directed I have notified the
inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for

purpose within named

Constable

Gilman Chapman

of

Bethel

A true copy of the original Warrant and return thereon

Attest Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

Pursuant to the fore going Warrant the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed meet at the time and place and the meeting being opened by the Chairman of the selectmen gave in their votes as follows Viz

For Governor

Hugh J. Anderson One Hundred & Ninety

Samuel Fependen forty three

Freeman A. Morse twenty eight

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For Senators

Zury Robinson Forty three

John Pike Forty three

Jacob Bradbury Forty three

Peter C. Virgin Twenty eight

Washington Long Twenty eight

Eben Barker Twenty eight

Stephen Chase One hundred eighty five

William Thompson One hundred ninty two

John J. Perry One hundred Seventy six

Wm Frye two Levi Brown one John Grover one
Humphery Emery one

Rep to Congress

Burleigh Smart Twenty five
Samuel Hopkins Twenty Six
John F. Seammon One hundred Ninity one

Rep to Legislature

Elihue Bean Forty Seven
Alphin Twitchell Sixteen
Phineas Frost One hundred twenty eight
Israel Kimball Forty Six
E. Hilburn one James Walker three P.H. Allen one
L. H. Chapman one

County Commissioner

Francis L. Rice One hundred ninity two
Peleg Wadsworth Twenty eight
Francis Hamlin Forty three

Clerk of Courts

Wm E. Goodnow Forty three
Joseph C. Cole One hundred seventeen
Charles Andrews Eighty nine

County Attorney

William R. Kimball One hundred ninity two
Reuel Washburn Twenty eight

County Treasurer

Levi Stowell One hundred ninity three
Thomas Clerk Twenty eight

Recorded by Ira C. Kimball Town Clerk

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Annual Meeting March 2 . 1846

State of Maine

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel, you are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs. To assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the second day of March next at ten of the oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles Viz-----

- st
- Article 1 To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
- d
- " 2 To Choose a Clerk for Said Town
- " 3 To Choose three or more Selectmen
- th
- " 4 To Choose three or more assessors
- th
- " 5 To Choose Collector or Collectors----
- th
- " 6 To Choose Constables
- th
- " 7 To Choose a treasurer for Said Town
- th
- " 8 To Coose an Agent for Said Town
- th
- " 9 To Choose a Superintending School Committee
- th
- " 10 To Choose School Dist Agents
- " 11 To Choose Surveyors of Highways
- th
- " 12 To Choose Surveyors of Lumber
- th
- " 13 To Choose Surveyors of wood & bark
- th

- " 14 To Choose Sealers of Leather
th
- " 15 To Choose field Drivers
th
- " 16 To Choose fence viewers
th
- " 17 To Choose Tythingmen
th
- " 18 To Choose Pound keepers
th
- " 19 To Choose Sextons
- " 20 To Raise Money to defray Town Charges
- " 21 To raise Money for the Support of Schools
nd
- " 22 To Raise Money to repair highways
rd
- " 23 To See what method the Town will take to finish
pleasant River bridge
th
- " 24 To See what method the Town will take to
support the Poor
th
- " 25 To See if the Town will recieve a part of the
western School district of Milton Plantation on
to the nineteenth School district in Bethel

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- Article 26 To See if the Town will vote to incorporate
Isaac Estes Phineas Howard & Henry R. Bartlett
with their estates into a School District
th
- " 27 To See if the Town will vote to divide School
Dist No 24 near the School House in Said Dist -
th
- " 28 To See if the Town will Vote Robert Taylor
John Lapham Thomas Lapham the privildge to
esxpends their School Money in the Lockes

School District in Greenwood

- " 29th To see if Town will vote to except a Road as
laid out to convene John Jordan & others
30th To See if the Town will vote to except a Road
as laid to convene Elbridge Fifield and others
31 To See what method the Town will direct for the
Support of Widow Conn
32nd To Transact any other business that may legally
come before Said Meeting

Given under our hands this the nineteenth day of
Febuary A.D. 1846

Signed { Phineas Frost { Selectmen
{ Elias M Carter { of Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant

Attest Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Oxford ss

Feb 20 1846

I certify that I have notified and warned the inhabitants of
Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purpose
within mentioned

Signed { Gilman Chapman

Constable of Bethel

A ture Copy of the return on the original warrant

Attest Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Said Town qualilfied to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein mentioned and the Meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceded to business And

- st
1 Made choice of Phineas Frost Moderator who was Sworn into Office by Ira C Kimball Town Clerk
- d
2 Made choice Hiram Holt Town Clerk who was Sworn into Office by Ira C kimball Town Clerk
- 3 Voted to pass over the third article and take up the 4th
- th
4 Voted to allow Phineas Frost account 42.00
- th
5 Voted to allow Elias M Carter account 25.22
- th
6 Voted to allow Ebenezer Eames account 27.00
- 7 Voted to allow Ebenezer Eames account for services as Treasurer 4.00
- 8 Voted to allow Benjamin Donham account 5.25
- 0 Voted to allow Charles Frost account 9.66
- 10 Voted to allow Robbins Brown account 10.00
- 11 Made choice of Elias M Carter for the first - Alphin Twitchell for the second and John Y Duston for the third Selectmen all of whom personally appeared in open Town Meeting and were Sworn to the faithfull and impartial dischage of the duties of Said Office before Wm Erue Esquire a Justice of the Peace
- 12 Made choice of Elias M Carter Alphin Twitchell & John Y Duston assessors all of whom personally appeared in

open Town Meeting and took the oath prescribed by Law
to be taken for the preformance of the duties of Said
Office before Wm Frye Esqrn

- 13 Voted to set up the collection of the taxes for the
year ensuing and was struck of to Gilman Chapman his
being the lowest bidder for two cents nine Mills per
centum
- 14 Voted to accept of G. A. Hastings George Chapman &
Timothy H Chapman as Suritied for Gilman Chapman
Collectors
- 15 Made Choice of Gilman Chapman Constable
- 16 Made Choice of Hiram Holt Constable
- 17 Made Choice of Ebenezer Eames Treasurer

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- 18 Made Choice of Charles Frost Elias M Carter and
Mighill Mason for Superintending School Committee
- 19 Made Choice of Wm Frye Town Agent
- 20 Made Choice of David F Brown A Grover
- | | |
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| Isreal Cross | # Barber B. Farwell |
| Alpheus Swan | Hiram Twitchell |
| Winchester Whitman | # Tilton Bennet |
| # Israel Kimball | # Nathan Ethridge |
| Ralph Besse | # Justus Bean |
| # Aaron Mason | James Walker |
| Joseph Wheeler Jr | Mason C Seveat |

# E. C. Bean	Moses M Kimball
George Chapman	Ira Cushman
Calop Rocee	Isaac B Littlehale
# Evi Needham	# Ayers Mason
John Chase	# Isaac Estes
Eli Cushman	John Hibbard
# Daniel Grout	George Tucker
Eli Foster	# John Harrid
John D Gassom	Highway Surveyors

(along side of page) who were all Sworn in open Town meeting to the faithfully discharge of their duties by Elias M Carter a Justice of the Peace excepting those that have this # mark prefixed to their names

- 22 Made choice of Edmond Merrill & Pinckney Burnham Surveyors of Lumber
- 23 Made choice of Pinckney Burnham Surveyer of Wood and Bark
- 24 Made choice of Gilman Chapman sealer of Leather
- 25 Voted that Highway Surveyors be field drivers and and fence viewers
- 26 Made choice of George Chapman Francis Barker John S Searn for Tythingmen --
- 27 Made Choice of Simeon Brown Aaron Mason Ayers Harden James M Nutting Eli Twitchell Evi Needham Isaac B Littlehale Alexander Wentworth and Abraham Bryant for Sextons
- 28 Voted to raise Six hundred dollars to defray Town

Charges

- 29 Voted to raise what the law requires for the Support
of Schools
th
30 Voted to raise three thousand dollars for the repair
of Highways
31 Voted that the Selectmen meet and let out the job for
repairing Pleasant River Bridge

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- 32 Voted that the Poor be left in the hands of the
Selectmen
33 Voted that Bethel recieve a part of the Western
District of Milton
th
34 Voted that Taylor have his School money to
expend where he saw fit for schooling
35 Voted to accept a Road to convene John Jordan and
others
36 Voted to accept the following names as jurors and the
Jury Box be revised with the same { Viz }
Elihu Bean David F Brown Luther Eames
Charles R Locke Hiram Holt Timothy Bean
Ira C Kimball John Russell Jr
Peter Kimball Eliphaz C Bean
Curatio T Bartlett Elias M Carter
Alphin Twitchell Isaac B Littlehale
Amaziah Nutting Vincent G Chapman

Andrew Grover	Jacob D Grover
George Grover	Abernathy Grover
Aaron Abbot Jr	Nathan W Etheridge
John Needham	Hazakiah Moody
Urban Shorey	Gilman Daniels
Jedediah Y Kimball	Bezeleel Kendell
Peter Wheeler	Aloah Wheeler
Wm Goddard	Isaac Cross
James A S Bartlett	

the above were prepared by the following Officers viz

Phineas Frost	}	Selectmen
Elias M Carter		
^r Eben Eames	}	of Bethel
^r Eben Eames		
	}	Treasurer

- 37 Voted to give John Cushman up his bond for the support
of Widdow Conn by paying all back bills and clothing
her
- 38 Voted to accept the old Road instead of the new near
Edward Fifield
- 39th Voted to accept the doings of the Selectmen in regard
to the town line in the western side between Bethel &
Mason
- 40 Voted that Neet Cattle run to large —

Phineas Frost Esqr Moderator

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

nd
March 2 . 1846 Personally appeared Barber B Farwell and
was Sworn to the faithfull and impartial performance of the
duties of the office of Highway Surveyor within the Town of
Bethel the year ensuing before

Hiram Holt Town Clerk

March 10. 1846 Personally appeared Evi Needham and was
Sworn to the faithfull and impartial performance of the
duties of the office of Highway Surveyor within the Town of
Bethel for the year ensuing before

Hiram Holt Town Clerk

March 10. 1846 Personally appeared Elias M Carter and
Meghill Mason and made oath to the faithfull performance of
the duties as superntending School Committee for the year
ensuing before

Hiram Holt Town Clerk

April 8. 1846 Personally appeared Israel Kimball and was
Sworn to the faithfull and impartial duties of the office of
Highway Surveyer for the year ensuing before Elias M Carter
a Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

State of Maine Oxford ss

Bethel May 19. 1846 Personally appeared Elias M Carter who
was duly chosen one of the assessors of the Town of Bethel
at the annual meeting of the inhabitants thereof holden on

the second day of March last and made oath that he would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office according to his best skill and judgement before me

William Frye Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Bethel April 19. 1846 Personally appeared John Harrid and took the oath to qualify him to discharge the duties of Highway Surveyor before me E. M. Carter Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

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State of Maine Oxford ss

Bethel May 22. 1846 Personally appeared Alphin Twitchell and John Y Duston who were duly Chosen two of the Sextons of the Town of Bethel at the annual meeting of the inhabitants thereof holden the second day of March last and made oath that they would faithfully and impartially perform the duties of that office according to their best skill and judgement before me

Elias M Carter Justice of the Peace

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Road

Agreeable from a petition from John Jordan and others for a road, Beginning two Rods South west from the House of John Jourdan.

1st Run south 79 de west 28 Rods to the Bird Road Soeast 2
Rods North east of Richard Jordans house. Laid Road to be
a Bridle Road no damage Demanded

Oct 4. 1845

Phineas Frost	{	Selectmen
Ebenr Eames	{	of Bethel

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Road

Second road begun on the town line and the Hamlin Gore line
at a stake standing in or near the road as now travelled
about a north course from from the house of Joseph Cummings
living in said Hamlin Gore .

1st run north 29 dr West 33 rods, thence North 39 dr west
36 rods, thence North 26 dr West 58 rods to a bound about
opposite the House of Jarrd Youngs on the west. Said road
to be 1 1/2 rods wide each side of said line, no damage
demanded.

Oct 4th. 1845

Phineas Frost	Selectmen
r	
Eben Eames	of Bethel

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

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April 8. 1846 personally appeared Hiram Holt and took the
oath to qualify him to discharge the duties of the Office of

Constable for the year ensuing before Me Elias M Carter Esqr
Justice of the Peace

Recd by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

To Gilmand Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Bethel
qualified to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town
house on Monday the fifteenth day of June inst at one of the
clock P.M. to act on the following articles Viz:

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern S^d meeting

2nd To See what action the Town will take in relation to the
order of notice on a petetion of Jermiah Grover and
others to be set off from Albany to Bethel

3rd To transact any other business thought proper when met--

Given under our hands this sixth day of June A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell		of
		Bethel

Oxford ss June 15. 1846. By virtue of the within warrent
to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of
Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time
and place and for the purpose within mentioned according to
law

Gilman Chapman

Constable of Bethel

1st Made choice of Samuel Chapman Moderator who was Sworn
into office by Wm Frye Justice of the Peace

^d
2 Voted that this Town does not consent that one tier of
Lots in the Town of Albany may be annexed to the Town of
Bethel according to the petition of Jeremiah Grover &
five others

Samuel Chapman Moderator

Recorded by Hiram Holt

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Agreeable to a petition from Jeremiah Burbank and nine
others to call a Town Meeting

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel, you are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Bethel
qualified to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town
House on Monday the twenty fourth day of August inst at one
of the clock in the afternoon to act on the following
articles Viz.

1st To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting

2nd
2 To See if the Town will petition the Supreme Court to
appoint commissioners to establish the line between the
Towns Bethel & Mason and the Plantation called
Batcheld's Grant

3rd
3 To conduct any other business that may legally come
before the Said Meeting

Given under our hands this fifteenth day of Aug A.D.

1846

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell } of
John Y Duston } Bethel

Bethel Aug 24. 1846

By vrtue of the within warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place within mentioned Seven days before the the day of Said meeting

Gilman Chapman } Constable
} of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualilfied as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk

1st Made Choice of Elias M Carter Moderator who was Sworn into office by the Town Clerk

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nd
2 Voted to adjourn Said Meeting until Monday the fourteenth day of September at eleven o clock in the forenoon.

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

Met according to adjournment and proceeded to business

3 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to petetion the supreme

Court to appoint commissioners to establish the line
between the Towns of Bethel Gilead Mason and Batcheled
Grant

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of of the Town of
Bethel You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town of
Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the
Town house on Monday the fourteenth day of September inst at
ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following
articles Viz { st 1 To Choose a Moderator to goven Said

Meeting

- nd
2 To See what method the Town will take to repair Bare
River & Sunday River bridges
- 3 To See what method the Town will take to repair the Road
from Robbins Brown to Jeramiah Grovers
- th
4 To See what method the Town will direct in in relation
to the Cummings Farm and Buildings
- 5th To See what course the Town will direct in relation the
Forbs Case

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- th
6 To transact any business that may legally come before
Said Meeting

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

Given under our hands this first day of Sept A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
John Y Duston } of Bethel

Oxford ss Sept 14. 1846

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the legal voters of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned according to law

Gilman Chapman } Constable
} of Bethel

Pursuant to the forgoing warrant the Inhabitants met and proceed to business

- st
1 Made Choice of Elias M Carter moderator who and Sworn in to office by the Town Clerk
- nd
2 Voted to leave Bear River and Sunday Bridges in the hands of the Selectmen
- 3 Voted to expend fifty dollars on Road from Robbins Brown to Jeramiah Grovers
- th
4 Voted that the Selectmen appoint an Agent to expend Said money-----
- th
5 Voted to leave the Cummings Farm in the care of the Selectmen
- th th
6 Voted to pass over the 5 article in relation to the Forbs Case
- Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the constables of the Town of Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Town of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at Town House on Monday the fourteenth day of Sept inst at tweleve oclock noon to give in their Votes for Governor, for a Representative to represent them in Congress, for senators and a Representative to represent them in the legislature of this State, for County Commissioners, for County Treasurer and for Registor of Deeds ----

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town house on the day of Said meeting from ten to tweleve Oclock in forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of Voters. Dated at Bethel the first day of September A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
John Y Duston		of
		Bethel

Oxford ss Sept 14. 1846

By virtue of the within warrent to me directed I have notified and warned the legal Voters of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned according law.

Gilman Chapman	}	Constable
		of
		Bethel

Pursuant to foregoing warrent the inhabitants met and proc-

ceded to business meeting being opened by the the Chairman
of the Selectmen

For Govenor

John N Dana had one hundred and Sixty one

Samuel Fessendon had forty Seven

David Brown had thirty one

Rep to Congress

Samuel Hopkins had thirty one

Theadore Stevens " forty Seven

David Harmons one hundred and thirty eight

William Frye twenty

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Senators

John J Perry had one hundred forty four

William Hampson one hundred and Sixty one

Caleb R Ayers one hundred and Sixty

John P Hubbard thirty one

Andrew Brown thirty one

Aloah Hersey thirty one

N A Bradbury forty Seven

Elish Morse forty Seven

John Pike forty Seven

County Commissioners

- { John Rude had one hundred fifty nine
- { George W Chapman forty Seven
- { John M Willson thirty two

County Treasurer

- { Levi Whitman had thirty two
- { Wm E Goodman forty Seven
- { Nathan M Marble one hundred and fifty nine

Register of Deeds

- { Stephen D Hutchinson forty Seven
- { Samuel B Holt thirty one

Representative to Legislation

- { Timothy Hutchinson forty Seven
 - { Samuel Haskall thirty one
 - { Samuel Brown forty two
 - { Harmon Cummings one hundred two
- Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to meet at

the Town House on Monday the fifth day of October at twelve
O'clock noon to give in their votes for a representative to
the State Legislature

given under our hands this nineteenth day of Sept A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
John Y Duston		of
		Bethel

th

Oxford ss Oct 5 . 1846

By virtue of the within warrent to me directed I have
notified and warned the legal voters of Said Town according
to law

Gilman Chapman	}	Constable
		of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place
The meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen
preceeded to business

st
1 Made choice of Phineas Frost Second Selectman protem }
Representative to Legislature

Samuel Brown had twenty four

George French had fifty one

Timothy Hutchinson had forty Seven

Samuel P Haskall had fourteen

Harmon Cummings had eight

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel qualified as the constituion requires to assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the twenty Sixth day of October inst at twelve Oclock noon to give in their votes for a Representative to represent them in the legislature of this State

Given under hands this tenth day of Oct A.D. 1846

Elisa M Carter } Selectmen
John Y Duston } of Bethel

Oxford ss Oct 26. 1846

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have notified the qualified Voters of Bethel to assemble at the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned according to law

Gilman Chapman) Constable
of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at time and place. The meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen proceded to business

Representative to Legislature

Timothy Hutchinson had Sixty eight

George French had Seventy Six

Samuel Brown had nine
Samuel P Haskell had twelve
Harmon Cummings had two

Recorded by Hiram Holt Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel. You are (hereby) requested in the name of the State
of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Bethel
qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the
Town House in Said Bethel on Monday the the Sixteenth day of
Nov inst at twelve Oclock noon to give in their Votes for a
Representative to represent this district in the Legislature
of this State

Given under our hands at Bethel this third day of Nov
A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
John Y Duston } of Bethel

State of Maine Oxford ss Nov 16. 1846

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have
notified and warned the legal Voters of Bethel to meet at
the time and place and for the purpose within mentioned by
posting a notice of Said meeting and the object for which
the the Same was called on three public places in the Town
of Bethel Seven days before the day of Said Meeting

Eben Eames) Treasurer
Recorded by Hiram Holt) Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen Treasurer and Clerk of the Town of Bethel do hereby license and Authorise Hiram Holt 2^d being a person of good Moral character to Sell Wine Brandy rum or other Spiritious Liquors to be sold for medical and medanical purposes and no other in the Store occupied by him and no other untill the first monday of May next but in no case to have it drank in or about the store

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty first day of November A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell } of
John Y Duston } Bethel
Eben Eames } Treasurer
Hiram Holt 2^d } Town Clerk

Recorded by Hiram Holt 2 Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at the Town house on Monday the Seventh day of December next at twelve Oclock noon to give in their votes for a representa-

tive to represent this district in the Legislature of this State

Given under our hands this twenty first day of November A.D. 1846

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell		of
John Y Duston		Bethel

Oxford ss December 7. 1846

By Virtue of the within warrant I have notified the Legal Voters of Bethel to assemble at the time and place and for the object within mentioned according to law

Gilman Chapman	}	Constable
		of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant to me directed to the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel. Met at the time and place within mentioned The meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen proceeded to business

Representative to Legislature

James Wheeler had one hundred and twenty nine

Timothy Hutchinson had fifty one

George French had one

James P Haskell had four

Recorded by Hiram Holt 2^d Town Clerk

Annual Meeting March 1st 1847

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel. You are hereby requirited in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel qualilfied to Vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the first day of March next at ten Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following

articles: Viz--

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to govern Said Meeting
- 2nd To Choose a Town Clerk
- 3th To Choose Selectmen
- 4th To Choose Assessors
- 5th To Choose Town Treasurer
- 6th To Choose a Town Agent
- 7th To Choose a Superintending School Committee
- 8th To Choose a Collector or Collectors
- 9th To Choose Constables
- 10th To Choose Highway Surveyors
- 11th To Choose Field drivers
- 12th To Choose fence Viewers-----
- 13th To Choose Surveyors of Wood & Bark
- 14th To Choose Surveyors of Lumber
- 15th To Choose Sealers of Leather
- 16th To Choose School district Agents
- 17th To Choose Sextons

- 18 To Choose Overseers of the Poor
th
19 To Choose Tythingmen
th
20 To Choose Pound Keepers
st
21 To ~~choose~~ To provide for a Pound or Pounds
nd
22 To To Allow accounts

23 To To Raise money to defray Town charges

24 To Raise money for the support of Schools

25 To Raise money to repair highways

26 To See wated method the Town will direct in relation
to the Joibed lease--
th
27 To See what method the Town will take to support the
Poor
th
28 To See if the Town will permit meet cattle to run at
large

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- th
29 To See if the town will give Phineas Howard and Isaac
Estes then School Money to expend by themselves
th
30 To Transact any other business that may legally come
before Said meeting

The Selectmen will be in Session at Said Town House on
the morning of Said meeting from nine to ten Oclock in the
forenoon to recieve evidence of the qualification of Voters
and correct the check list-- Given under our hands this
eighteenth day of Febuary AD. 1847

A true copy of the original } Elisa M Carter } Selectmen

warrant

Attest Hiram Holt^d 2

Town Clerk

{ Alphin Twitchell

{ John Y duston

} of

} Bethel

State of Maine Oxford ss March 1. 1847

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the
Legal Voters of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for
the purpose within mentioned by posting a Copy of the within
warrant Seven days before the day of the Said Meeting in
three public places in the Town of Bethel

Gilman Chapman

} Constable

} of Bethel

A true copy of the original

warrant

Attest Hiram Holt^d 2

Town Clerk

{ Elias M Carter

{ Alphin Twitchell

{ John Y Duston

} Selectmen

} of

} Bethel

State of Maine Oxford ss March 1. 1847

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the
Legal Voters of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for
the purpose within mentioned by posting a Copy of the within
warrant Seven days before the day of the Said Meeting in
three public places in the Town of Bethel

Gilman Chapman

} Constable

} of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place
therein mentioned the meeting being opened by the Clerk
and proceded to business

st

1 Made choice of M.B. Bartlett Esqr Moderator and was

Sworn into office by Elias M Carter Esqr a Justice of

the Peace
 nd
 2 Made choice Hiram Holt 2^d Town Clerk who was Sworn
 into office by M. B. Bartlett a Justice of the Peace
 3 Voted to pass over the third article and take up the
 th
 28
 4 Voted to allow Elias M Carter account \$29.51
 5 Voted to allow Alphin Twitchell account \$23.61
 6 Voted to allow John Y Duston account \$22.30
 7 Voted to allow E. D. Russell account \$12.00
 8 Voted to allow Robbins Brown account \$ 4.00
 9 Voted to allow Elias M Carter for Survisurs
 as School Committee

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th
 10 Voted to allow Eben Eames account \$ 8.00
 th
 11 Made choice of Elias M Carterst Alphin Twitchell 2nd
 d
 John Y Duston 3 Selectmen for the ensuing year
 th
 12 Made choice of Elias M Carter Alphin Twitchell John
 Y Duston for Assessors-----
 13 Made choice of Robert A Chapman Town Treasurer
 "
 14 Made choice of William Frye town Agent
 "
 15 Made Choice of Charles S Frost Elias M Carter
 Mighill Mason for School Committee
 16 Voted to Set up the collection of taxes which was
 struck of to Gilman Chapman he being the lowest bidder
 at two clents nine mills percentum

- 17 Voted to accept Elias M Carter and George Chapman as
Suriters for Gilman Chapman Collection
- 18 Made Choice of Gilman Chapman Gilbert Chapman and
Hiram Holt 2^d for Constables
- 19 Made choice of Winchester Whitman
- | | | |
|--------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Israel Kimball | Caleb Besbee | Alphin Twitchell# |
| S.B. Newell | Elias Bartlett# | John Farwell# |
| P. Burnham | Wm Goddard | Richard Gourdon# |
| Joseph A Twitchell | Eli Foster | Amejiah Nutting# |
| Bezeleel Kendall# | Elijah G Harden | |
| Nathan Ethridge | Justice Bean# | Wm Needham |
| Jacob Kimball | Charles R Locke# | Aaron Abbott |
| Isaac Estes | Peter Wheeler | G.A. Hastings# |
- 20 Voted that Highway Surveyors be fence viewers and
field drivers who were Sworn in open Town meeting to
faithfull discharge of the duties of their office by
M. B. Bartlett a Justice of the Peace that have this #
mark prefixed to their names
- 21th Made choice of Clark Robinson P Burnham Surveyors of
Lumber
- 22 Made Choice of Elbridge Chapman Surveyor of Bark
- 23 Made Choice of R.A. Chapman Sealer of Leather
- 24 Made Choice of Simeon Brown
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Aaron Mason | Cyrus M Harden |
| Eben ^r Eames | E. Needham |
| Josiah Brown | Freman Needham |
| Eli Cushman | Benjamin Estes Sextons |

- th
25 Voted that the Selectmen be oversears of the Poor
th
26 Made choice of George Chapman Francis Barker and
d
Hiram Holt 2 Tythingmen
- 27 Voted that highway surveyors be Pound Keepers and
their yards be Pounds
- 28 Voted that the Town raise Seven hundred dollars to
defray Town Charges---
- 29 Voted to raise what money the law requires for the
Support of Schools -----
- 30 Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars to repair
the highways -----
- 31 Voted that the Treasurer hire one hundred and fifty
dollars for the use of the Town
- 32 Voted to leave the Forbes case in the hands of the
Selectmen for their consideration untill the September
Meeting
- 33 Voted to leave the case of Boothly & in the
hands of the Selectmen to manage and easey as they
possibly can
- 34 Voted to leave the case of Galison in the
hand of the Selectmen
- 35 Voted to allow Mighill Mason act \$ 5.00
- 36 Voted to leave the Poor in the hands of the overseers.

- 37 Voted neat cattle shall not run at large
- 38 Voted that Phineas Howard Isaac Estes have their
school money.
- 39 Voted to allow Gilman Chapman his services for warning
Town meetings \$11.00
- 40 Voted to give Charles E. Paine his school money
- 41 *Voted to give Felediah Grover his School money*
M.B. Bartlett Moderator
d
Recorded by Hiram Holt 2 Town Clerk

State of Maine Oxford ss

March 1. 1847 Personally appeared Moses Bartlett Esqr and
made oath to the faithfull & impartial performance of the
duties of Moderator of this meeting before me

Elias M Carter Justice of the Peace
d
Hiram Holt 2 Town Clerk

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Personally appeared Elbridge Chapman and made oath to the
faithfull & impartial performance of the duties of Surveyor
of Wood & Bark for the ensuing year before the Town Clerk —
d
Recorded by Hiram Holt 2 Town Clerk

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To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of
Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of

Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Town of
Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs To assemble
at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the thirteenth day
of September inst at ten o'clock in the forenoon to act on
the following articles Viz-----

- st
1 To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting
d
2 To See what course the Town will direct in relation to
th Forbes Case
d
3 To See what method the Town will take to build the
Road around the Goodnow hill
th
4 To See if the Town will Vote to fence the burying
ground on Alex P Wentworth Farm (now is the Olson
Farm 1992)
th
5 To See if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out
on the petition of Melvin Farwell and others
th
6 To See if the Town will accept of a Road as laid out
on the petition of Eli Estes and others
th
7 To See if the Town will accept of a Road as Laid out
on the Petition of John S Swan and others
th
8 To See what method the Town will take to repair the
Road from E.C. Bean to Greenwood Also the new Road
from Walkers Mill to Greenwood
th
9 To Transact any other business that may legally come
before Said Meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this Second day of
September A.D. 1847

Elias M Carter

Select-

Alphin Twitchell men of
John Y Duston Bethel

Oxford ss Sept 13. 1847

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualilfied to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned according to law ----

Gilman Chapman { Constable
 } of Bethel

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Pursuant to the foregoing warrant ~~to me directed~~ the inhabitants of Bethel qualifed as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned and the Meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceed to business

- st
- 1 Made choice of Elias M Carter Moderator to govern Said meeting who was Sworn into office by the Town Clerk---
 - d
 - 2 Voted to leave the Forbes Case in the hands of the Selectmen and Town Agent with liberty to pay him not exceeding fifty dollars damage and the cost on go to trial
 - 3 Voted to leave the piece of Road over Goodnow Hill in the hands of the Selectmen
 - 4 Voted that the Town fence the burying ground on Alexander P Wentworth Farm (Bartlett Cemetery)
 - 5 Voted not to accept the petiution of Malvin Farwell

and others

~~6th~~

6 but to lay out a bridle road fro them

th

6 Voted to lay out a Road on petition of Eli Estes and others

th

7 Voted to adjourn Said Meeting fifteen Minutes

th

8 Voted to adjourn the Election Meeting thue fourth of one hour

th

9 Voted to pass over the article on the petition of John S Swan and others with the instruction of the Selectmen to insert an article in the next warrant of Town Meeting

th

10 Voted that the Selectmen run out a Town line with Some competent men with them

th

11 Voted to pass over the Subject of Barker B Farwell in regard to his Horse

d

Recorded by H Holt 2 Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the Town of Bethel. You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Said Bethel qualifed as the constitution required to assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the thirteenth day of Sept inst at tweleve O'clock noon to give in their Votes for Governor Senators County Commissioners County Treasurer and Representative to Represent them in the legislative of this State.

d

2 To give in their Votes upon the amendments proposed to

the

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to the constitution, "Shall the constitution be amended by adding there to the following words & provisions:-the credit of the State shall not be loaned directly or indirectly in any case, & the Legislature shall not create any debt or debts liability or liabilities on behalf of the State which shall singly or in the aggregate with previous debts and liabilities herein after incurred at anytime exceed three hundred thousand dollars except to suppress insurrection to repel invasion or for purposes of war." The Selectmen will be in session at said Town house on the day of said meeting at nine O'clock A.M. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Bethel the sec^d day of Sept. A.D.
1847

Elias M Carter	}	Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell		of
John Y Duston		Bethel

The whole number of votes cast for Governor was two hundred and twenty four

John R Dana one hundred and Sixty three

Daniel Bronson Seventeen

Samuel Fessenden forty four

Whole number of Votes cast for Senators was two hundred

twenty three

for Caleb R Ayers one hundred Sixty two

Philo C Clark one hundred Sixty two

Asa Danforth Seventeen

Albert D White Seventeen

Abraham Andrew Jr Sixty one

William Wyman forty four

Whole number of Votes cast for county Treasurer two hundred
twenty four

Nathan M Marble one hundred Sixty three

Levi Whitman Seventeen

Elisha Morse forty four

Whole number of Votes cast for County Commissioners was
two hundred twenty four

America Thayer one hundred Sixty three

John M Williams Seventeen

Tobias Ricker forty four

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Whole number of votes for Representatives to the Legislature
two hundred twenty four

Cyprian Cole one hundred Sixty two

Lawson M Coburn Seventeen

Christopher Byant forty five

Whole numbers of votes cast on the question of electing
Governor, was Sixty two.

The number of ballots having the word "yes" was two.

" " " " " "no" " Sixty

Whole number of ballots cast on the question electing
Senators was fifty one.

The number of ballots having the word "yes" was five

" " " " " "no" was forty six

Whole number of votes cast on the question of electing
Representatives to Congress By plurality was thirty eight
Number of ballots having the word "yes" was twenty one

" " " " " "no" was seventeen

Whole number of ballots cast on the question of pledging
the credit of the State for a greater amount than three
hundred thousand dollars was thirty two----

The number of ballots having the word "yes" was twenty seven

" " " " " "no" was five

M.B. Bartlett Clerk Pro Tem

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell } of
John Y Duston } Bethel

^d
Hiram Holt 2 Town Clerk

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The Subscribers, Selectmen, Treasurer and Clerk of the Town
of Bethel do hereby license and authorise Hiram Holt ^d 2
being a person of good moral charactor to Sell wine, brandy
Rum or other Spiriterous liquors to be used for medical and

meccanical purposes and no other in the Store occupied by him and no other untill the first Monday of May next but in no case to have it drunk in the Store

Given under our hand this third day of May in the year of our Lord one thoudand eight hundred forty Seven

Elias M Carter	}	
Alphin Twitchell		Selectmen
John Y Duston		of Bethel
R. A. Chapman	}	Treasurer
Hiram Holt 2 ^d		Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen Treasurer and Clerk of the Town of Bethel do hereby Liecense and authorise Henry Ward being a person of good moral charactor To Sell Wine Brandy Rum or other Spiritous Liquors to be used for Medical and mechanical purposes and no other in the Store occupied by him and no other until the first Monday of May next but in no case to in or about the Store ----

Given under our hand this third day of May A.D. 1847

Elias M Carter	{	Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell		of Bethel
John Y Duston		Treasurer
R A Chapman	{	of Bethel
Hiram Holt 2 ^d		Town Clerk

Agreeably to notice given to the town of Rumford by the town of Bethel, to meet at Rumford Corner on the fifteenth day of Nov. A.D. 1847 for the purpose of perambulating and renewing the ~~land~~ line between Said towns and renewing the marks and bounds, we the Subscribers, Selectmen of Said towns, met at the time and place and for the purposes aforesaid and do make the following return of our doings: Commencing on the South Side of the Androscoggin river at an ash tree marked and figured as a boundary, thence near South sixteen degrees, east about 250 rods & followed the old line very fair and then the line was found to near South about eight degrees East by a lot corner of Daniel Marlin a beach tree and by another coner of Aaron Graham, a stake and Stones, and also another corner of said Graham a beach tree, the line continued about the same course with little variation within about a half of a mile of Rumford and Milton corner which last half mile seemed to run South about sixteen degrees East there appeared to be a very old line and tolerabley place where there was any old growth the whole distance. In witness whereof we hereto have mutually set our hands this sixteenth day of Nov. A.D. 1847

Elias M. Carter	}	Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell		of Bethel
Timothy Walker	}	Selectmen
Amos Daniel		of Rumford

th
Annual Meeting March 6 1848

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town house in said town on Monday the sixth day of March
next at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the

following articles to wit
st

1 To Choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

nd

2 To Choose a Town Clerk

d

3 To Choose Selectmen

th

4 To Choose Assessors

th

5 To Choose a Town Treasurer

th

6 To Choose a Town Agent

th

7 To Choose a Superintending School Committee

th

8 To Choose a collector or Collectors

th

9 To Choose a Constable or Constables

th

10 To Choose highway Surveyors

th

11 To Choose Field drivers

th

12 To Choose Fence viewers

th

13 To Choose Surveyors of Lumber

th

14 To Choose Surveyors of Wood & Bark

th

15 To Choose Sealers of Leather

th

16 To Choose Tythingmen

th

- 17 To Choose Sextons
th
18 To Choose School District Agents
th
19 To Choose Pound keepers
th
20 To Choose Pound or Pounds
th
21 To Receive and allow accounts
th
22 To Raise money repare highways
th
23 To Raise money for the suport of Schools
th
24 To Raise money to defray town charges
th
25 To See if the town will except of a road as laid out
on the petition of John S Swan & others
th
26 To See if the town will accept of a road as laid out
on the petition of Melvin Farwell & others
th
27 To See if the town will by joint action with town of
Newry & Harrison form a School district out of a part
of this & the afore said towns agreeable to the
petition of Peter G Smith & others

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- th
28 To See if the town will sett off partion of the 24th
th
25 School district and make a new district agreeable
to the request of Daniel G Kendall
th
29 To See what method the town will to support the Poor
th
30 To transact any other business that may legally come
before Said meeting

The Selectmen give notice that they shall be in
session for the purpose of revising and correcting the

list of voters at said town house at nine O'clock in
the forenoon on the day of Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this nineteenth day
of Feby. AD 1848

a true copy of the original { Elias M Carter } Selectmen
warrant { John Y duston } of
Attest Mighill Mason town clerk { Alphin Twitchell } Bethel

th
Oxford ss March 6 1848

By virtue of the within warrent I have notified the
Inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and for
the purposes within mentioned according to law

Signed { Gilman Chapman } Constable
of
Bethel

A true Copy of the return on the original warrent

Attest M Mason Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants of Bethel
qualified as therin expressed met at the time and place
therin mentioned the meeting being opened by Elias M Carter
Selectman ~~and was offically~~ H. Holt 2^d Town Clerk and
proceeded to business

- st
1 Made Choice of Elias M Carter Esqr Moderator and was
sworn to office by H. Holt 2^d Town Clerk
th
2 Made Choice of Mighill Mason Town Clerk who was soworn
into office by H Holt 2^d Town Clerk
th
3 Made Choice of Moses Mason first Ebn Eames 2d & E.C.
Bean third Selectman

th					
4	Made choice of Moses Mason Ebn Eames and E C Bean				
	Assessors				
th					
5	Made Choice of R. A. Chapman Treasurer				
th					
6	Made Choice of Wm Frye Agent				
th					
7	Made Choice of Rev. Charles Frost Elisas M Carter and				
	Mighill Mason Superintending School Committee				
th					
8	Voted to elect Highway Surveyors and fence viewers and				
	field Drivers and Pound Keepers by hand vote				
th					
9	Voted to set up the taxes to be collected by the				
	lowest bider Gilman Chapman collects for three per				
	cent				
th					
10	Voted to except John Hastings George Chapman and				
	Abernathy Grover as surites for Gilman Chapman				
	Collection				
th					
11	Made Choice of Gilman Chapman Collector				
th					
12	Made Choice of Gilman Chapman and H. Holt 2				
	Constables				
th		st			
13	Voted to take up the 21 Article				
th					
14	Voted to allow E M Carters account			\$30.50	
th					
15	" " " Alphin Twitchell "			24.00	
th					
16	" " " John Y Duston "			24.59	
th					
17	" " " Charles Frost "			11.58	
th					
18	" " " E.M. Carter "			11.00	
th					
20	" " " Mighill Mason "			6.11	
st					
21	" " " Robbins Brown "			4.00	
th					

22 Voted to allow John Y Duston account \$22.00
 th
 23 Voted to purches the Stoves pipe now in the house & a
 lock to put on the door
 th
 24 Voted the above be left in the hands of the Selectmen
 to set up
 th
 25 Made Choice of X Winchester Whitman
 d
 X H. Holt 2 Hesekinh Moody Sumner Stearns
 Andrew Twitchell Mighill Mason X Isaac Littlehale
 d
 X Moses Pattee Richard Estes 2 X Jarius Brient
 Joseph A Twitchell X Thomas Goss Benj Stephens
 John Sanborn T. B Heath X Jonathan Abbott
 X Benj Estes X J T Kimball Timothy Hastings
 Elszah Twitchell X Henry Bartlett Wm Hapgood
 R A Chapman X Joseph Sanborn Timothy Bean
 X John Robinson X Suel Bisbee & Edmond Cross } Highway
 John G. Elliot X Hiram Holt { Surveyors

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th
 26 Voted the highway Surveyors field Drivers fence
 Viewers and Pound Keepers
 th
 27 Voted Abernethy Grover Gilman Chapman & Horace
 Chapman as Field Drivers & Pound Keepers
 th
 28 Voted Pinkney Burnham J C Roberson Surveyors of
 Lumber
 th
 29 Voted David Brown & Abernethy Grover Surveyors of wood
 & bark
 th

30 Voted David Brown & R A Chapman Sealers of Leather
31th Voted Abenethy Grover Hyrm Holt 2^d Seth Wight Jr
R A Chapman Charles R Lock Mighill Mason Hilgard
Chapman & Elehue Bean as Tythingmen
32th Voted Simion Brown Aaron Mason Evi Needham Ebn^r
Eames Eli Cushman Josiah Brown Cyrus M Harden
Tremen Needham Binj Estes E Sextons
th
33 Voted that each School Dist choose its own Agent
th
34 Voted to Raise \$2500 to repair highways
th
35 Voted to Raise what the law requires for Schools
th
36 Voted to Raise \$700. to defray Town charges
th
37 Voted to pass over the pertition of John S Swan &
others
th
38 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen
th
39 on the pertition of Melvin Farwell & others
th
39 Voted to off agreeable to the pertition of Peter G
Smith & others all below Leander Jewett real estate
th
40 Voted Daniel Holt Clement Seavy Elajah G Harden
their share of the school money to expend by
themselves for schooling
th
41 Voted Ira Cook his share of school money to expend in
Dist No 4
th
42 Voted Alvy Wheeler his share of school money to expend
in schooling by him self
th
43 Voted Charles E Paine his share of school money to
expend in schooling
th
44 Voted that the Poor be left in the hands of the

Selectmen
45th Vote to let neat cattle run at large

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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State of Maine

Oxford ss

Personally appeaared in open Town meeting Moses
Mason Ebn Eames and was Sworn to the faithfull and
impartial performances of the duties of the officeses of
Selectmen & Assessors for the Town of Bethel for the year
ensuing before me

March 6th 1848 Mighill Mason Town Clerk

March 8th 1848 Personally appeared E C Bean and was Sworn
to the faithfull and impartial performances of the duties of
the offices of Selectman & Assessor for the Town of Bethel
for the year ensuing before me

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

All of the highway Surveyors who were choose at the Town
Meeting on March 6th 1848 which have not this mark X person-
ally appeared in open Town Meeting and were Sworn to the
faithfull and impartial performance of the duties of the
officies of highway Surveyors Field Drivers & Fence Viewers
& pound Keepers for the Town of Bethel the year ensuing

before Elias M Carter Justice of the Peace

March 6th 1848 Recorded by Mighill Mason { Town Clerk

Bethel March 7th 1848

Oxford ss Personally appeared
Moses Platter and made oath that he would discharge the
duties of highway Surveyor for the ensuing year to the best
of his abilities before me Moses Mason Justice of the Peace

Recorded by

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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Road

Agrable to the petition of Melvin Farwell & others beginning
two rods West of Melvin Farwell house thence north forty two
degrees west thirty two rods on Said Farwells land thence
North thirty six degrees West ninety Six rods to a point
Sev rods frunt or East of Henry Goodrows house thence the
Same course about eighteen rods to the County road about
five West of Pleasant River bridge damages are claimed by
Mr Goodrow and we award him fifteen dollars to be paid as
the town direct Said way to be a bridle way and the above
discrib line to be the center of Said way

Given under our hands this nineteenth day of Feb AD
1848

Elias M Carter } Selectmen
Alphin Twitchell } of

Recorded by Mighill Mason {

} Bethel

Town Clerk

Oxford ss April 3^d 1848

Personally appeared Jarus Brient & J. T. Kimball and was Sworn to the faithfull and impartial performance of the duties of the Officeies of Highway Surveyor Field drivers Fence Viewer & Pound Keeper for the Town of Bethel the year ensuing

Mighill Mason } Town Clerk

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April 10th 1848

Personally appeared Thomas Goss and was Sworn to the faithfull & imparteal performance of the duties of Highway Surveyor Fence vewer Field driver & Pound keeper for the Town of Bethel the year ensuing before me

Mighill Mason { Town Clerk

Oxford ss May 22 1848

Personally appeared Mighill Mason of Bethel in Said County of Oxford made oath that he would faithfully & impartially perform the duties of Superintending School Committee in Said Bethel for the ensuin year

Before me Limon Rosson

{ Justice
of the

} Peace

Mighill Mason { Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of Bethel You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to Summon & notify the inhabitants of said Bethel qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town house in said Bethel on Monday the eleventh day of September next at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit

- st
1 To choose a moderator to govern Said meeting
d
2 To see what the town will do with the Grover hill road or what use they will take to repair Said road and also another road near Hezehiak Moody and to transact any other business that may come before Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty first day of August AD 1848

Moses Mason { Selectmen
r
Eben Eames { of
Bethel

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th
Bethel September 11 1848

By virtue of the within warrant I have notified the inhabitants of Bethel qualified to vote in town affairs to meet

the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
according to law

Gilman Chapman

{ Constable
of
Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants
met and proceeded to business
st

- 1 Made choice of C C Bean Moderator who was duly Sworn
d
- 2 Voted to leave the Grover Hill road in the hands of
the Selectmen
- 3 Voted to leave the Moody road in the hands of the
Selectmen
- 4 Voted Mr T. B. Heath have repay for his plough out of
his next years Highway tax

C C Bean Moderator

Recorded by Mighill Mason } Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel you are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town
qualilfied according to the constitution to assemble at the
town house in Said Bethel on the Second Monday of September
being the eleventh day of September next at tweleve with the
clock noon to give in their votes for Governor for three
Senators for a Clerk of the County Court for one County
Commissoner for County Attony for County Treasurer for
a Representative in Congress

a true Copy attest Moses Mason } Selectmen

Eben Eames) of
Bethel

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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Bethel Sept 11 1848

By virtue of the within warrant to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified
to vote according to the constitution to assemble at the
time and place and for the porposes within mentioned
according to law Gilman Chapman Constable

A true Copy attest of
Bethel

Mighill Mason { Town Clerk

Persuant to the forgoing warrant the inhabitants met and
proceded to buisness the meeting being opened by the Charman
of the Selectmen

For Govenor

John W Dana had one hundred & eighty three

Samuel Fessenden had fifty seven

Elijah L Hamlin had thirty

For Rept to Congress

Elbridge Gerry had one hundred & Seventy three

John Johnson had forty four

David Gerry had forty four

Wm Frye one

For Senator

Philo Clark had one hundred & eighty five

James H Farnum had one hundred & eighty five

James Hobbs Jr had one hundred & eighty five

Asa Danforth had thirty

Ruel Barrows had thirty

Otis Hayford had thirty

Alvah Kersee had fifty Seven

Abraham Andrews had fifty Seven

Wm Wyman had fifty seven

For Clerk of County

Wm K Kimball had one hundred & eighty five

David P Stowell had thirty

For County Attorney

Charles W Waltons had one hundred & eighty five

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Alexander R Bradley had thirty

For County Commisisoners

John Walker Jr had one hundred & eighty five

John M Wilson had thirty

Joseph Barrows had fifty Seven

For County Treasurer

Nathan Marble had one hundred & eight five

John Dennett had thirty

Thomas Stevens had fifty Seven

For Representative to the Legislature

Nathan Grover had one hundred & eightty

Elbridge Chapman had fifty Seven

Timothy Barker had thirty

Recorded by Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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Presidential Electoral Meeting

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel you are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town
qualified according to the Constitution to assemble at the
town hous in said Bethel on thursday the seventh day of
November next at one of the clock in the afternoon to give
in thir votes for nine electors for President and vice
President of the United States

Given under our hands at Said Bethel the twenty Seventh
day of October

Moses Mason	{	Selectmen of Bethel
Eben ^r Eames		

st

Oxford ss October 31 1848

By virtue of the within warrant I notified the inhabitants
of Bethel qualified according to the Constitution to
assemble at the time and place directed for the purposes
within named according to law Constable

A true copy of the warrant Gilman Chapman of
return of the same Mighall Mason Town Clerk Bethel

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants
qualilfied as therein expressed met at the time and place
therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Chair-
man of the Selectmen gave in their votes as follows

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Joseph Adams

Manly B Townsend

John J Perry

James Appleton

had Sixty Seven each

Ezekiel Holmes

Calvin Graham

Drummond Farnsworth

Charles S Davis

Bushrod W Hinkley

Gideon Turker

thomas A Deblois

James H Braward

had forty nine each

Joseph B Bridge
Charles H Pierre
Isaac Hodsdon
Andrew Peters

Recorded by
Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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Annal Meeting March 5. 1849

To Gilman Chapman a constable of the town of Bethel Greeting
In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town house in Said town on the fifth day of March next at
ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following
to wit

First To choose a moderator to preside over Said meeting

Secd To choose a town Clerk

Third To choose Selectmen
th

4 To choose Assessors
th

5 To choose a town Treasurer
th

6 To coose a town Agent
th

7 To choose a Supertending School Committee
th

8 To choose a Collector or Collectors
th

9 To choose a Constable or Constables
th

10 To choose Highway Surveyors
th

- 11 To choose Field Drivers
th
12th To choose Fence Viewers
th
13 To choose Surveyors of Lumber
th
14 To choose Surveyors of wood & bark
th
15 To choose Sealer of Leather
th
16 To choose Tythingmen
th
17 To choose Saxtons
th
18 To choose School Dist Agents
th
19 To choose Pound Keepers
th
20 To Provide a pound or pounds
th
21 To receive and allow accounts
th
22 To raise money to repair highways
th
23 To raise money for the Support of Schools
th
24 To raise money to defray town charges
th
25 To see what mathord the town will take to support the
poor
th
26 To see if the town will permit neat cattle to run at
large
th
27 To see if the town will set off George Kimball Ball
Bartlett Jonathan M Bartlett Timothy Ayer & E.C.
Bean from District No 7 to Dist No 8 together with
their land

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- th
28 To see if the town will set off Thomas Goss James
Lapam James A S Bartlett Eli Foster Zeri Whitman

th
29

George W Bean Ebenezer Bartlett Evi Needham John L
Kenisten with their land into a Seperate District
To transact any other buisness that may legally come
before said meeting

The Selectmen will be in Session for the purposse of
receiving and correcting the list of voters at Said town
house at nine Oclock in the forenoon on the day of Said
meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this nineteenth day
of Feb. AD 1849

Moses Mason { Selectmen
E C Bean { of
Bethel

Oxford ss March 5. 1849

By virtue of the within Warrent to me directed I have noti-
fied and warned the legal voters of Bethel to meet at the
time and place and for the perposes within mentioned
according to law

Signed Gilman Chapman { Constable
of
Bethel

A true Copy of the warrent
and return thereon

Attest Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants of
Bethel qualilfied as therein express met at the time and

place therein mentioned the being opened by Mighill Mason
Town Clerk and proceeded to buisness
First Maid chose of Leander Jewet Moderator and was duly

Sworn to Said office by the Clerk

Second Maid chose of Mighill Mason Clerk who was duly Sworn

Third Voted to pass over the third article and act on 21
article

th						
4	Voted to allow	Moses	Mason	account		\$31.68
th						
5	"	"	"	E C Bean	"	22.00
th						
6	"	"	"	Ebn Eames	"	21.00
th						
7	Voted that the	Treasurer	present	his	items	
th						
8	Voted to allow	Ret	Chapman	account		5.00
th						
9	Voted Samuel B	Locke	account	lay	on the	table

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th
10 Voted to leave Abraham Briants account in the hands of
the present Selectmen

th
11 Voted to allow John Bussell Jr twenty five dollars for
keeping his Father the past year if he will keep the
town from all expence of his Father & Mother one year
more for the same

th						
12	Voted to allow	Elias M	Carter	account		\$ 3.50
th						
13	"	"	"	Mighill Mason	"	10.00
th						
14	"	"	"	Charles Frost	"	16.00
th						
15	Voted that Dr	Davis	account	lay	on the	table
th						
16	Voted to allow	T.B.	Heath	three	dollars	on his next

years highway tax

th
17 Voted to allow Elbridge Chapman account \$ 6.00

th
18 Maid choise of E. C. Bean Charles R Lock and Tyler P.
Town for Selectmen

E. C. Bean & Charles R Lock were duly sworn in open
town meeting by the Moderator

th
19 Maid choise of E. C. Bean Charles R Locke and Tyler P
Town Assessors

E. C. Bean & Charles R Locke were duly Sworn in open
town meeting by the Moderator

th
20 Made chorse of R. A. Chapman Treasurer

th
21 Made chorse of Moses Mason Town Agent

	Charles Frost	{	Supertending
th 22	Made choirse of Mighill Mason		School
	Leander Jewett		Committee

th
23 Voted to Set up the collection of taxes to be col-
lected by the lowest bider if he gets bondsmen that
the town will except off as surety Gilman bid then off
to collect for two cents and nine mills on a dollar

th
24 Voted to except George Chapman and Abnethy Grover as
surity for Gilman Chapmans collectionship

th
25 Voted to chose the offerces by hand vote

th
26 Maid chorce of Gilman Chapman Collector

th
27 Maid chorsce of Gilman Chapman Constable who was duly
Sworn in open town Meeting by the Moderator

th 28	Maid chore of E. C. Bean	{	Constables
th 29	" " G. A. Hastings		

th	Made chose of	Whinester Whitman
30	# Simon Brown	# Calib Besse
	# Hez Moody	# Moses A Mason
	# Levi Twitchell	# George Kimball
	Ayers Mason	# Eber. Cluff
	Stephen Cumings	John Jordan
	Joseph A Twitchell	# James Lapon
	Hniayenk Nuttin	# Barber B Farwell
	# Tilton Benit	# Gilman Blake
	# Nathan W Ethridge	# J. T. Kimball
	# Joseph Merrill	Timothy Capin
	# Henry R Bartlett	# Peter Wheelar
	# Frances Barker	Capt Norman Clerk
	# Joseph Holt Sr	# Daniel Holt
	Suel Bisbee	# John G Eleot
	and Amos Young	Higheay Survenors

All of which have not this mark to their names was not sworn but those which have this mark # at their names appeared in open Town Meeting and was Sworn to the faithful and impartial performance of their duties as the law directs by the Moderator

th		
31	Maid chorce of the highway Survaors Field Drivers	
th		
31	Maid chorce of the highway survaors Fence Viewers	
th		
33	Maid chorce of the highway surveyors Pound keepers	
th		
34	Maid chorce of Pinkny Burman	{ Surveyors
th		

35 Maid chorce of J. C. Roberson } of
 th " " Andrew Twitchell } Lumber
 36
 th
 37 Maid chorce of David Brown Surveyor of wood & bark
 th
 38 Maid chorce of Daniel G. York Sealer of Leather
 th
 39 Maid chorce of Moses A Mason
 Samuel H Chapman Simon Brown
 Evi Needham Cyrus M Harden
 Eli Cushman Amus Young
 Ebner Eames Eli Twitchell
 and John Needham Saxtons
 th
 40 Voted each Disttrect choose its own Agent
 th
 41 Maid chorce of Capt Elehue Bean Agent for dist No 17
 th
 42 Voted to take up the 20 article
 th
 43 Voted to pass over the 26 article indefinately
 th
 44 Voted to act on the Pound article

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th
 45 Maid chorce of Hiram Twitchell
 R. A. Chapman Simon Brown
 Phinias Howard Pound Keepers
 46 Voted John Hastings Hiram Twitchell
 Israel Kimball Elias S Bartlett s
 yard as Pounds for the Town of Bethel

~~Leander Jewett Moderator~~

~~Recorded by Mighill Mason Town Clerk~~

th
 47 Voted to set off George Kimball Bartlett Jonathan

th
48 M Bartlett Timothy Ayer and E. C. Bean from Dist No 7
to Dist No 8 together with their land
Voted to set off Thomas Goss James Laxun James A S
Bartlett Eli Foster Zeri Whitman George W Bean
Ebny N Bartlett Ebny Bartlett Evi Needham John
L Kenisten together with their lands from Dist No 1
into a seperate Disttrect

Learnd Jewett Moderator

Recorded by Mighill Mason Town Clerk

In looking over the minuts I kept at the Town Meeting I
found A misstake in not recording the articles 22 & 23 & 24
& 25 in the warrent the town

Voted as follows on these articles
th
1 Voted to raise \$2500. to repair highways
th
2 Voted to raise what the law requirs for Schools
th
3 Voted to raise \$800. to defray town charges
th
4 Voted the towns poor be left in the hands of the

Selectmen

Leeander Jewett Moderator

Recorded by Mighill Mason Town Clerk

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You Tyler P. Town having been duly elected Selectman and
Assessor of the Town of Bethel do swure that you will faith-
fully and impartialy perform the duties assigned you by law

So help you God

Tyler P Town

th

Oxford ss March 8 1849

Personally appeared Tyler P Town and swore
oath as above

Before me
S
Chas R York

Justice
of the
Peace

Recorded by

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Oxford ss Personally appeared John Jordan ans was
Sworne to the faithful & imparliai performance of the duties
of highway Surveyor for the year ensuing before me
March 24th 1849

Mighill Mason Justice of the Peace

Recorded by

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Oxford ss Personally appeared Charles Frost and was
Sworne to the faithfull and impartial dischurse of the
duties of Supertending School Committee the year ensuing for
the Town of Bethel before me

March 31. 1849 Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Rumford April 3. 1849

Oxford ss Personally appeared Mighill Mason of
Bethel and was Sworn to the faithful and impartial perfor-
mance of the duties of Supertending School Committee for the

Recorded by Mighill Mason { Town
Clerk

April 3. 1849

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1849

Annual Election Meeting

Sept 10

To Gilman Chapman Constable of the Town of Bethel You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at the town house on the tenth Day of September next at eleven of the Oclock AM to give in their Votes for gov Senators County Treasuer and Commisioner and a Represenative to repsent them in the Legisature of the State also to give their vots upon the const????aned (unable to make out the word) proposed in the following resolve and the question shall be Shall the constitution be amended as prosed resolve of the Legislature provided that the anual meeting of the Legislature shall be on the first wendsday of January instead of the Second wednesday of May and that the period of Service of the goy and other State officers next to be chosen Shall commence

on the first wendesday of January in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty one and continue untill
the first wednesday of January one thousand eight hundred
and fifty two and the period of service of the present goy
and other State officers shall continue until the first
wendsday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty one and shall the next election of
State officers after September in the year of our Lord one
thousand eight hundred ~~eight hundred~~ and forty nine be on
the the Second Monday of Sept AD 1851

The Selectmen will be in sessions on the Same day at 10
Oclook AM for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Dated at Bethel the first day of Sept AD 1849

E. C. Bean	{	Selectmen
Charles R Locke		of
		Bethel

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Oxford ss September 10 1849

By virtue of this warrent I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the time and place and
for the purposes within mentioned according to law

Gilman Chapman	{	Constable
		of
		Bethel

A ture Copy of the

original warrant and return on the Same and Recorded by

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Persuant to the foregoing warrent the inhabitants
qualified as therin expressed met at the time and place
therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the
chirman of the Selectmen gave in their vots as follows

For Governor

John Hubbard two hundred & thirteen

George L Tobbot fifty two

Elijah L Hamlin twenty six

F Senators

James Hobbs Jr two hundred & fourteen

Robert A Chapman two hundred & eleven

Noah Price two hundred & thirteen

Josiah Presott fifty

Zury Roberson fifty

Jairus S Keith fifty

Asa Daniforth

Reuel Barrows } twenty four

Josiah Presott }

For Commissioner

Nathan M Marble two hundred & fourteen

Thomas Stevens fifty

John Demitt twenty four

For Represnative

E. C. Bean one hundred & twenty

Abnethy Grover one hundred & twenty eight

Timothy Barker one

Consttanal question

Yes thirteen

No one hundred & fifty six

Recorded

By

Mighill Mason Town Clerk

Selectmen Office Bethel Feb 22^d 1850

To Gilman Chapman a Constable of the Town of Bethel
greeting; In the name of the State of Maine, You are hereby
requested to notify and warn the Inhabintans of Said town of
Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble
at the town house in Said Bethel on the fouth day of March
next at 10 O'clock A. M. to act on the following articals
to wit;

- | | |
|-------|--|
| First | To choose a modertor to goven Said Meeting |
| d | |
| 2 | To choose a Clerk |
| d | |
| 3 | To choose three Selectmen |
| d | |
| 4 | To choose three or more Aeesssors |
| th | |
| 5 | To choose a Treasurer |
| th | |
| 6 | To choose three School committee |

- 7th To choose town Agent
- 8th To choose highway Surveyors
- 9th To choose a Collector of Taxes
- 10th To choose Constable
- 11th To choose School Agents
- 12th To choose Field drivers
- 13th To choose Fence Viewers
- 14th To choose Pound Keepers & furnsh Pound
- 15th To choose Tythingmen
- 16th To choose Surveyers of Lumber
- 17th To choose Surveyers of Wood & Bark
- 18th To choose all other necessary officers
- 19th To Receve and alow Accounts
- 20th To To See what the Town will do as to reparing Alder
river Bridg
- 21st To raise money to repair Highways
- 22^d To Raise Money defrally Town charges
- 23^d To Raise Money for the Suport of Schools
- 24th To See if the Town will Set Edmond Bean and Benjamin T
Brown and Z H Bean off From Dest No 8 to No 9 together
with their estates
- 25th To See if the Town will set off the 14th 15th & 16th
Lots in the 8th range

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- th
 Lot No 14 in the 2 range of lots in Said Bethel
 with the Inhabentance thereon from Dest No 11
 th
 26 To See if the Town will vote to give Hiram Moody and
 Stephen Estes their propotor of School Money
 th
 27 To See if the Town will vote to accept of a Road laid
 out by the Selectmen to accomidate Damiel Eames &
 others

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town house on
 the 4th of March 1850 at nine O'clock A.M. for the
 purpose of corecting a list of Voters
 Dated at Bethel this 21st day of Feb 1850

(Signed)	E C Bean	}	Selectmen
	Chas R Lock		of
	T P Town		Bethel

a true coppy of original Warrant

attest G A Hastings Town Clerk

th
 Oxford ss March 4 1850

by virtue of the within warrant to me directed I have
 notified and Warned the Inhabintnce of Bethel to meet at the
 time and place and for the purposses within mentiond

(Signed) Gilman Chapman Constable of Bethel

(Attest) G A Hastings 3 Town Clerk

Pursuant to the forgoin Warrant the Inhabentrcees of
Bethel qualilfied as therein expressed met at the time and
place therein mentioned the meeting being open by the clerk
and proced to business

first mad chose of Aaron Cross moderat and was Sworn into
office by the Clerk

2^d Mad chois of G A Hastings Town Clerk who was Sworn
into offrce by a Justes of the Pece

3d	Voted pass over th 3d artecal and take up the 12 th	
4th	Voted to Alow Samuel B Locke Account	
5 th	Voted to Alow E C Bean	\$31.00
6 th	Voted to Alow Chas R Locke	"20.13
7 th	Voted to Alow T P Town	"23.87
8 th	Voted to Alow R A Chapman	" 5.00
9 th	Voted to alow Gilman Chapman	" 3.00
10 th	Voted to alow Elbridg Chapman	" 6.00
11 th	Voted to Alow Leander Jewett	"14.50
12 th	Voted to alow M Mason	"11.15
13th	Voted to alow M Mason	" 3.64
14th	Voted to alow Charles Frosts account by the Selectmen examining it and seeing if corect	
15th	Vtoed to alow E & C Greenwood	\$ 3.16
16th	Voted to alow P. Burnham	46.00
17th	Voted that all other legal accounts be left in the hands of the Seelectmen	

18th Chose E C Bean first Secelectman
19th Chose C R Locke Second Secelectmlan
20th Chose Tylor P Town Third Secelectman
21st Chose E C Bean first Assesor
22d Chose C R Locke Second Assesor
23d Chose T P Town Third Assesor
24th Chose Elbridg Chapman Treasur
25th Chose Nathaniel T True David Garland and Elias M
Carter Suprintending School Commity
26th O'Neil W Robins an Town Agent

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27th Voted to choose all other officers by hand vote

28 Cose Iseral G Kimball

Stephen Estes	Timothy Bean
George V Ellengwood	Alfred Estes
Elezu Twitchell	Jewett Howard
Hezikiah Hutchins	Abigah Bartlett
Josept Wwitchell	Enoch Stile
Elias Brown	Nathan F Twitchell
John Heselton	William Hapgood
Baxter A Lyon	John Chase
Nathan W Ethredge	Eli Foster
Luther Eames	Samuel Holt
Henry R Bartlett	John Needham

John Hastings

Simon Stevens

James Grover

Timothy Capen

Lenard Grover

Nelson Mills

Humphry Bean

Prescot Holt

For highway Surveyors

Then personally appeared Timothy Bean

Iseral Kimball

Nathan F Twitchell

Stephen Estes

Eli Foster

Georg V Ellingwood

Samuel Holt

Elzr Twitchell

Timothy Capen

John Heselton

Prescot Holt

John Hastings

Lenard Grover

an took the oath required by Law

29th Voted that Highway Surveyors be field drivers and
fence viwers

30th Voted that the Taxes be Sat up at the lowest bidder

31st Chose Moses G Cross for a Colector of Taxes which he
agread to colect for two cents and Two mills for a
dollar then personly appeared Moses G Cross and
presented Isaac C Cross Jonathan Cross & John
Hastings for his surates for the colector of Taxes at
2 cents & 2 mills per dollar and the Town Voted to
accept of them

32d Voted that each School distrect choose there own agent

33d Voted that the Secelect Ba(r)n Yards be the pounds and
the Seclectme be pound keepers

34th Chose George Chapman

Frances Barker	Clark Edwards
John Stephen	Soland Mason
William F Brown	Andrew Olive
Tythingmen	

35th Chose Simeon Brown John Collier

Cyros M Harden	Moses Mason 2d
Frelan Bartlett	John D Gossom
Eli Twitchell	Abraham Briant
John Needham	Benjamin Estes

for Sa(xt)ons

36th Voted that Pinkny Bunham and Jonathan Abbot be
Servoyors of Lumber

37th Voted that Pinkney Burnham be Servoyor of wood & Bark

38th Choose Moses G Cross and Iseral G Kimball-~~be~~ Consta-
bles

39 Voted that the Town furnish Suitable material Such as
Planks and timbar for alder river Bridg

40th Voted to raise Twenty hundred dollars for the repairs
of highways

41 Voted to raise Five hundred dollars to defray town
charges

42 Voted to raise what the Law requires for the Support
of Schools

43 Voted that Edmod Bean Z H Bean and Benjamin T Brown
be Set off from diastrect No 8 to No 9 and there
estates also

44 Voted to Set off the 14th 15th and 16th Lots in the
8th range and the South half of Lot No 14 in the 9th
range of lots in Said Bethel with the Inhabutns
thereon from Dist No 12 to Dist No 11

45 Voted to give Hisekiah Moody and Stephen Estes there
School mony

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46 Voted to execpt of Lenord Grover

Aaron Cross	Tylor P Town
Daniel F Bean	Silas Grover
Josrah Brown	Samuel Barker
Jacob D Grover	Elbridge Chapman
Francis Barker	Gedean A Hastings
Moses Mason	Ira C Kimball
Robert A Chapman	Henry Ward
David Blake	Abial Chandler
E C Bean	Mighill Mason
Elias S Bartlett	William Goddard
Eli Foster	Moses Kimball

Humphry Bean

Benjaman F Brown

Benjaman Estes

George Kimball

Charles R Lock

Leander Jewiett

Alphin Chapman

Timothy H Chapman

Harris Chapman

John Y Dustin

Elias M Carter

Grandville G Kimbal

George Chapman

James Lock

for Jeruiemen

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 6 1850

Ther personly appeaed N T True and made oath to the
faithful discharge of his dutes as a Suprentending School
committee for th ensuing Year before me

Moses Mason justes of pece

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

Oxford ss March 30th 1850

Ther personly appeared David Garland and made oath to the
faithfull discharge of his duts as a School committee for
th ensuing Year

Before Me Elias M Carter Justcs of
the Pece

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

A Road

Agreeable to a petition of Daniel Eames and others the
Selectmen proceded to lay a road as follows.

Begining at the center of the old road east of Tilton Ben-
nets house and runing S 60° W Sixteen rods to Statran A.
thence South 41° West twenty foure rods to the old road
South West of Tilton B Heath house Said road is to be three
rods wide Said Heath claims no damages

(signed) E C Bean } Selectmen
T P Town } of Bethel

Recorded June 10th 1850 by G A Hastings } Town Clerk

To Thomas E Twitchell Bethel in the County of Oxford
greeting

In the name of the State of Maine

You are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants
of the Said town of Bethel qualfed by law to vote in Town
affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town on
Tusday the twentieth day of the present month at one O'clock
afternoon to act upon the folowing articles

- 1st to chose a moderator to proside in Said meeting
- 2d To see what method the town will take to repair the
roads and bridges in Said Town

- 3d to See what method the town will take to raise money
 to repair Said roads and bridges
 in Said town and pay other expences of Said Town
- 4th To See if the Town will execpt of an alterative in the
 road ~~begin~~ between the Fore line and Elbridge Fifilds
- 5th To See if the Town will accept of a road begining near
 Elbridge Fifields by Youngs and the the Bird Hill as
 laid out by the Selectmen
- 6th To See if the Town will accept of a road beginning at
 the main road near the house formily owned by E
 Merill, thence up th hill to near where th road turns
 up by Joseph Holt as laid out by the Selectmen

Given under our hand at Bethel this 12th day of August
1850

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(Signed)	Charles R Locke	}	Selectmen
	T P Town		of Bethel

A true Coppy of the original warrant

Att G A Hastings Town Clerk

Aug 20th Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed
I have notified and warned the Said inhabittance of Said
Bethel to meet at the time and place and for th purpose
within me(ntio)ned by posting an attached copy of the within
warrant in three places in Said Bethel Seven days prior to

this date

(Signed) Thomas E Twitchill

A true copy of the return on the original warrant

Att G A Hastings Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabitant of Said Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place therein mentioned the meeting being opened by the Clerk and proceeded to business

first made choice of James Walker for moderator and was Sworn into office by the Clerk

2d Voted to adjourn till three O'clock to meet in the highway near Mr Tuckers house

3d Voted to go into a committee of three to explore and view the road below this place and over the Hill

4th Voted to choose a committee of five to examine this Bridge and the one between Hiram Holts and Jusley Bean and report to the Town how the

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Bridges Shall be built

5th Voted that John Hastings Eben Eames Humphrey Bean Iseral Kimball and John Y Dustin be that committee

6th Voted to hear the report of the committee on building the Bridges and John Hastings presented the report to The Clerk and the road as follows the Bridge at Tuckers

Shall be built in the following maner there Shall be a Stone abutment one each Side of the Stream th one on the East Side Shall be as high as is required to have the road a true grade from th East bank to th west and th road Shall be Seven feet thick at the botom mad four at the top and Eighteen feet long and a wall on each side of th abutment leding to th bank eighteen feet apart, th one on th west Side Shall be built in the same maner onely the height Shall be as heigh as is required to have the road a true grade from th bridge to th west bank There shall be a Space of twelve feet between th abutment covered over with five Stringers one foot through and laid on a bed free at each end and planks eighteen feet long and three inches thick a good alin on each Side th road may be good Sound Beam lock timber th whole to be done in a good workmanlike maner

The one between Hiram Holts and Justy Beans Shall be bult in the following maner then Shall be two high sets the cappices fourteen inches through and two good braces to each and three Sets of stringers one foot through four

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stringer th each Set with a bed free on each Bank to lay th stringers on the planks three inches thick and sixteen feet

long th posts to be fourteen inches through and long enough to have the Bridge two feet above the grade of th road, and a good alin on each side of the Bridge the timber may be good Sound beamlock timber

th banks Shall be Secured by facing in face beams and rocks in Such a maner as th bridgte be no danger of washing away

6th Voted to except of the report on this Bridge and Set

it up at the lowest Bider and to have it completed in th

month of September and to recive th pay for it in th

month of October it was Sit up By th Moderator and

John Better bid it off at fifty Seven dollars

7th Voted to have the Clerk read th first report on the

Bridge at Tuckers and he read it

8th Voted to Set it up at th lowest Bider and see what

Such a bridge could be built for, and th Moderator set

it up and G A Hastings bid it off at one hundred and

fourty-five dollars

9th Voted to accept of the report and give G A Hastings

one hundred and forty five dollars for building it and

to have it completed in the month of September and he

recive the fee for it in the month of October fol-

lowing

10th Voted to chose a commity of three to accept of the

Bridges

11th Voted that Ebenr Eames Iseral Kimball and John Y

Dustin be that commity

12th Voted to leave th other parts of the road in th hands
of the Selectmen

13th Voted to adjour till th ninth day of September at ten
oclock A.M.

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

Meet accordin to adjournment at the time & the place and
preced to buissness

First Voted to pass over th fourth & fifth artical

Sec Voted to pass over th Sixth artical

3d Voted to leve th Barten case in the hands of the
Secetelmen

4th Voted that th Treasurer be directed to procure Three
hundred dollars for th Town one year at a rate of
Interest not excedin Six percent

5th Voted to give George Tucker a right to put a four
wide Slouse through the Space left in the Bridge near
his house

6th Voted to except of John Y Dustin resignation as a
committe on the Bridges

7th Chose George Tucker to be one of th commity on
building & exceptin of th Bridges near his house &
between Hiram Holts & Justes Beans in place of John
Y Dustin

8th Voted to desolve th Meetin

To Moses G Cross Constable of Bethel

Your are hereby required in the name of th State of Maine to
notify and warn th inhabitants of said Town of Bethel
qualified as th Constitution requires to assemble at th
Town house in Said Town on monday the ninth day of September
next at one o'clock in th afternoon to give in their votes
for a govener three Senators and a repersentive to
reprasent them in th legeslature for this State and for a
County Commessinor a County Treasurer and a representative
to represent them in th Congress of th United States

The Selectmen will be in session at th Town house on th
ninth day of Sept next at 12 oclock noon for th purpose of
correcting th list of voters

Dated at Bethel the 22th day of Aug 1850

(Signed)	E. C. Bean	Select
	Charles B Locke	men
	T P Town	of
		Bethel

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

Pursuant to th within warrant to me directed I have notified
and warned th inhabitanace of th town of Bethel to at meet th

time and place within mentioned & for the purpose within by
posting an attasted copy of the warrant in three public &
conspucus places in said Town accordin to law

Sept 9 1850

Signed Moses G Cross

Constable

of

Bethel

A true copy of th return on th Back of th original warrant

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

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Sept 9th 1850

Pursuant to the foregoin warrant the Inhabatentence of
Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at th time and
place therein mentioned and th meeting being opened by the
chairman of the Secelectmen gave in there votes as follows
(viz)

first Voted to call the list of voters

2d

for Govenr

John Hubbard Two hundred & Forty two

William G Crosby Thirty Two

George F Galbert Forty three

for Senators

Noah Price Two hundred & forty

Robert A Chapman Two hundred & Thirty

James Walker Two hundred & thirty nine

Gerry W Swarey Thirty two

Henry Ward Thirty one

Samuel Steckney Seventy five

	{	Jairus S Keith	forty three
	{	Sumner Robins	forty three
for County	{	Nathan M Marble	Two hundred forty one
Treasurer	{	Henry Parsons	Thirty two
	{	Thomas Stevens	Forty three
for County	{	Silas Barnard	Two hundred & forty one
Commsioner	{	Samuel Holms	Thirty two
	{	Samuel Favor	Forty three
		Elephez C Bean	one hundred & Sixty three
for Rep to		Iseral Kimball	one hundred eighteen
the Legis-		Hezekiah Hutchins	Twenty three
lature		Alphins Swan	Two

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

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To Moses G Cross Constable of th town of Bethel in th
County of Oxford Greeting

On the petition of Barker Bartlet and nine others You are
hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify
and warn th inhabitants of said Town of Bethel qualified by
law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in
said town on Saturday the Seventh day of Dec next at one
oclock in the afternoon to act upon th folowing articals
first To chose a moderator to poside in Said meeting
Sec To see if th Town will remonstrate aganist a road or

only part of it petitioned for by Jededeah Burbank and
Seventeen others

Third To See what course the Town will take to remanstrate
aganist Said road or any part of it

Given under our hands at Bethel this 27th day of Nov
1850

(Signed) Charles B Lock	{	Select
Tylor P Town		men
		of
Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk		Bethel

Pursuant to th within wrant I have notified and warned th
inhabitants to meet at th time and place and for purpose
within named accordin to law

(Signed) Moses G Cross / Constable

A true Coppy of the original warrant and return thereon

Att G A Hastings Town Clerk

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Dec 9th 1850

Pursuant to th forgoin Warrant th inhabentece of Bethel
qualified as therin expresed met at th time and place therin
mentiond and th meeting being opend by th Clerk gave in
there Votes for moderater

first made choise of Elisas M Carter for moderater who was

Sworn in to office by th Town Clerk

Sec Voted to pass over the Second artecal and take up th

third

third Voted to chose a Specal agent to look after this road

fourth made choise of Ebenezer Eames for that agent

fifth Voted to chose two more to assist Mr Eames

Sixth chose E C Bean for one of the assistants

Seventh chose Alphin Twitchell of the other

Eight Voted to remanstrate aganist all of that part of the
road patition for by Jededeah Burbank and others
which the Commity may think is not for th good of the
Town and public generally

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

To Moses G Cross Constable of the Town of Bethel greeting
In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town house in Said Town on the third day of March next at
10 o'clock in th forenoon to act upon the following articals

1st to chose moderator to preside in Said meeting

2d To chose a Town Clerk

3d To chose Selectmen

4th To chose assessors

5th To chose town Treasurer

6th To chose Superentending School Committee
or Supervisor

7th

DATES

1851 to 1862

STATE of MAINE

TOWN of BETHEL

1851 to 1862

At 15

Anual Meeting March 3d 1851

To Moses G Cross Constable of the Town of Bethel greeting
In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said Town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the
Town House in Said Town on the third day of March next at
10 of the O'clock in the fore noon to act upon th following
articals

- 1st to chose a moderator to preside in Said meeting
- 2d To chose a Town Clerk
- 3d To chose Selectmen
- 4th To chose assessors
- 5th To chose a Town Treasurer
- 6th To chose Superintend School Committee or Supervisor
- 7th To chose Town Agent
- 8th To examin and alow Accounts
- 9th To raise money to defray Town expenses
- 10th To raise money to repair heighways
- 11th To raise money for the support of Schools
- 12th To see if the Town will chose School agents
- 13th To chose heighway Surveyers
- 14th To chose colector of Taxes
- 15th To chose Cunstabel or cunstabels
- 16th To chose Tythingmen
- 17th To chose Fence viwers and field drivers
- 18th To provide pounds and pound Keepers
- 19th To choose Surveyers of lumber
- 20th To chose Sextons
- 21th To chose all other necessary Town offecers
- 22d To See what the Town will do about a poor Farm
- 23d To See how Town meeting Shall be warned

- 24th To See if the Town will dispence with notifying a

meeting of voters of Said Town at the drawing of jurors
25th To See if the Town will accept of a road and altera-
tion petitioned for by Jared Young and others
26th to See if the Town will discotatinue that part of the
road begining at the Westerly line of Hez Moodys land
to th road that lead the Widow Estes to Simon Stevens
27th To See if the Town will Sit Nathan Hall and his estate
from District No 21 to District No 7 according to the
petition of himself and Moses Mason and others

The Selectmen will be in Session for the purpos of
revising and corecting the list of voters at th Town
house at 9 o'clock in fournoon at the Said meeting

Given under our hands this 20th day of Feb 1851

	E C Bean	}	Selectmen
(Signed)	Charles R Lock		of
	T P Town		Bethel

Pursuant to th within warrant to me directed I have notified
and warned th inhabintence of Said Town of Bethel qualifed
as therin expresed to assemble at the Town house th time and
place and for th purpos therin expresed by posting three
attested coppys of Said warrant at three publick and
conspicuous places in Said Town on th 22d day of Feb being
7 days before Said meeting

Moses G Cross Constable
of Bethel

Pursuant to th foregoing warrant the Inhabitants of Said Bethel meet th time and place therin mentioned and the meeting being opened by th Town Clerk procceded to Buisness First chose Abenethy Grover for Moderator who was then and therin open Town meeting Sworn to the faithfull and impar-tial discharge of his duties before the Town Clerk

- 2d made chose of G A Hastings for Town Clerk who was Sworn accordin to law by Abenethy Grover Moderator of Said meeting
- 3 Voted to pass over the third artical and take and take up the Eaight
- 4th Voted to alow E C Bean account \$33.83
- 5th Voted to alow Charles R Lock account \$34.13
- 6th Voted to alow Tylor P Town " \$19.00
- 7th Voted lay John Needham account on the tabel
- 8th Voted to lay Hiram Twitchell account on the tabel
- 9th Voted to ~~lay~~ allow Eben Eames account of \$ 4.00
- 10th Voted to alow E. M. Carter account for school commity man \$14.50
- 11th Voted to allow E C Bean account \$ 4.50
- 12th Voted to allow David Garlen account for school commity man \$22.50
- 13th Voted to allow N G Grene account \$14.00
- 14th Voted to allow O'N W Robinson account \$ 1.00
- 15th Voted to lay G A Hastings account on the tabel

- 16th Voted to allow Iseral Kimball account \$ 1.00
- 17th Voted to refur Hiram Twitchells account to th
Selectmen
- 18th Voted to leve John Needham account with the Selectmen

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- 19th Voted to leve Parsons account with th Selectmen and
Town Agent to See the extent of his damages if any and
report at th next meeting
- 20th Voted to allow G A Hastings account \$ 2.20
- 21th Voted to allow T C Twithell account \$ 1.00
- 22d Voted to allow E Chapman account as Treasurer of the
School & Minestral fund \$ 6.00
- 23d Voted to allow E C Lapman \$5.00 for Treasurer
- 24th Voted to here the Report of the School Commity
- 25th Voted to take the 3 artical up
- 26th Made chose of Charles R Locke for first Selectman
- 27th " " " John B Mason " Sec Selectman
- 28th " " " Elias S Bartlett " Third "
- 29th " " " Charles R Lock first assessor
- 30th " " " John B Mason Sec assessor
- 31st " " " Elias S Bartlett third "
- 32d " " " Gilman Chapman Treasurer
- 33d " " " J H M Leland David Garland and Mughill
Mason for School Commity men
- 34th Made choese of O'N W Robenson for Town Agent

35th Voted to raise one thousand dollars to defray Town
Charges

36th Voted to raise three Thousand dollars for the repairs
of highways

37th Voted to raise what th law requres for the Support of
Schools Lysander Richardson

38th Chose William F Brown Moses Mason
George Chapman Isaac A Cross
Richard Estes 2d John Garlin ~~Timothy Chapman~~
Hiram Hogosdon Enoch Estes Timothy Capen
Daniel Eames Samuel J Howard Tylor P Town
Silas Grover Abijal Bartlett Francis Barker 2d
Benjamin Estes Jonathan M Bartlett John D Hastings
O N Hastings Moses A Mason Humphery Bean
William Bartlett Samuel H Chapman Orin B Swan
Abraham Briant Andrew Oliver for Highway
Stephen Estes James Walker Serveyors
Asa F Bartlett Nathan Hall for highway Serveyors

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and all were Sworn by the Moderator Except William Bartlet
Lysander Richardson Nathan Hall and Humphy Bean

39th Voted to Set th Collector of Taxes up at th lowest
bidder and it off at two cents and five Mills per
dollar

40 Chose Mughall Mason for colector of Taxes and he brot

- forward Peter Kimbal and Aaron Mason for Bondsman
- 41 Chose Mughall Mason and G A Hastings for Constabels
- 42 Chose Hiram Hadgesden Gilman Blake John D Hastings
John Stephens Peter Kimball Peter Powers John
Stephens and Timothy Ayers for Tythingmen
- 43 Voted that th Selectmens yards be pounds and that th
Selectmen be pound keepers
- 44 Voted that th Highway serveyors be field drivers &
fence viwers
- 45 Made choise of Pinkney Burnham David Blake Eliphs C
Bean for Serveyors of Lumber
- 46 made choise of Cyrus M Harden Aaran Mason Frelan
Bartlet John Needham Elias Brwon Simeon Brown John
G Etheridge Abraham Briant and
for Sextons
- 47th Voted to pass over the 23 artical
- 48th Voted to chose a commity of three to inform them selfs
by inquiring of other Towns and report next September
as to a poor Farm whather it would be for the advan-
tage of the Town to purchase one or not
- 49th made chose of the Selectmen for this commity
- 50 Voted to warn the Town Meeting by posting one attached
coppay on the Town Meeting House on the North Side of
th river and at the Meeting house at middle intervale
and at Meeting house at the lower end of the Town

- 51th Voted to dispence with holding a Town Meeting for the
purpos of drawing jurors
- 52st Voted that the Town Except of the report of the
Selectmen on the road begining at the gore line and
runing by Jarad Youngs house & if Daniel Dun will
except of the Same reparded him by the Selectmen
- 53 Voted to pass over th 26 artical
- 54 Voted to Set Nathan Hall and his Estates off from dist
No 21 to Dist No 7
- 55 Voted to divide district No 15

Then personly appered ON W Robinson and took the oath
accordin to law as Town agent

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

Bethel March 7th 1851

Then personly appered J H M Leland David Garlin and Mighill
Mason and Took the oath accordin to law as Superentending
School Commity before me

G A Hastings Town Clerk

Bethel March 7th 1851

To Town Clerk of Bethel

This certifies that at a meeting of the Superentinding
School Committee held this day Mighill Mason was designated

by lot to Surve three years D Garlin Two years and J H M
Leland one year

(Signed) John H M Leland Chen of Com

Recorded by G A Hastings Town Clerk

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Road

We the Selectmen of Bethel on the petition of Jarad Young &
others and to lay out a town road in Said town begining at
th old road about 30 rods N. Easterly from Wid Estes house
in said Bethel and Ending at or near Jarad Youngs house for
th laying out and beginning at or near Elbridge Fifields
house and Ending at the Gore line for th attterativ havin
given Seven days notice of our intending to lay out th Said
road and Stated in Said notice th tunin thereof, by postin
up Said notice in two publick places in said town and in the
vicinity of the proposed road on the 8th day of Nove A D
1850 and having meet at th time and place appointed and
personally examined the r(o)ad proposed an of the opinion
there is Occaasion for a town way and or attteration for the
use of Said Town as proposed.

We therefor lay out ~~at th afor mentioned road commencing at~~
~~a~~ Said way and attterding as follows beginning at the afore
mentioned road at a Stake and Stone thence S. 2 E 26 rods
thence S 14 E 34 rods thence 10 E 65 rods thence S 7 W 16
rods thence S 22 W 46 rods thence S 6 W 46 rods thence 9

E 56 rods th Said Youngs house making 289 rods th atteratin
beginning at or near Elbridge Fyfields house thence S 22^o E
69 rods to Hamlin Gore line the line described to be the
middle of the highway and th highway to be three rods wude
Said way passes through land owned by Wid Eli Estes Daniel
Dun Simon Stevens and Jarad Young no damages is clamed
except by Damiel Dun to him we awarded fifty dollars for his
damages to be paid by Said Town the Laying out and
atterative and otherative with th town roads and measurments
have been filed with th

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Town Clerk Seven days prevus to this meeting and wer name
hereby report Such laying out and alterativ with the bound-
arys and admeasururments of the Same

Given under our hands this 18th day of Feb 1851

(Signed)	E C Bean	}	Selectmen
	Charles R Lock		of
			Bethel

Recorded by G A Hastings To(wn) Clerk

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March 15th 1851

To Mighall Mason a constabel of the Town of Bethel

Greeting

In the name of th State of Maine You are hereby rerquired
to Notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assembl at th
house now Ocupied by Aaron Frost near Bear River Bridge in
Said Town on Saturday the 15th day at one of th oclock after
noon to act on th following articals

first To chose a moderator

Second To see what coarse th Town will take to ~~re~~rebuild
Bear River Bridge which has bracken down

3d To See what course the Town will take to defray the
expenses of th Same

4th To See if th Town will Justitive to th County Commes-
sioners to change th location of Said Bridge and alter
th road to and from th Same

5th To See if the Town will take any farther action on the
Parsons clam for damages

Given under our hands at Bethel this 7th day of March

1851

(Signed)

Charles R Lock

John B Mason

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford ss March 15th 1851

This certifies that I have notified & warned th inhabentents
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to meet
at th time and place and for th purpose within mentioned by
posting up three notices one at th Meeting House on the

North Side of the andrunescogin River and at th Meddle
Invail Meeting

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house and one at th Free Meeting house in th lower end of th
Town

(Signed) Mighill Mason } Constable
of Bethel

A true Copy of the original warrant and return

G A Hastings Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of said Bethel met at the time and place there in mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Clerk proceeded to Business first chose Abenethy Grover for Moderator who was there in open Town meeting Sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of his duties before the Town Clerk

2d Voted to chose a commity to draw a draft of Said
Bridge and report to th meeting

3d Chose Thatter Zaush Bazley Kandall Eben Eames Alphin
Twitchell Charles R Lock and Asa Bartlett; for thur
commity

4th Voted to hear the report of the Commity on the Bridge
& the chairman made a report how the Bridge should be
built

5th Voted to accept of the report of th Com

- 6th Voted to Sit it up to th lowest Bider
- 7th Voted to have the Bridge Completed by th first day of May
- 8th th Bridge was put up at Publik Vandese and Abenethy Grover bid \$298 and it was struck off to him for Two hundred and ninty Eight dollars
- 9th Voted to raise three hundred dollars to defray the Expences of Said Bridge
- 10th Voted to partition the county Commesheners to change th location of Said Bridge and th road to & from th Same

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- 11th Voted to chose a Commity to take more amideate action on th Pairsons case and give their full power to Setel with him or his agent if they think proper
- 12th Chose Ebenezer Eames Charles R Lock and Timothy Hastings for that commity
- 13th

To G. A. Hstings a Constable of th Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting

In the name of th State of Maine You are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabintants of the Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town house in Said town on the fifteenth day of Sept next at

one oclock in the after noon to act upon the following
articlas

- 1st to chose a Moderator to preside in Said meeting
- 2d to see if the town will vote to refer the claim made
by Hezikiah Parsons aganist the town for an alliged
defect in the highways in Said town and to authese
Such agent or Commity to refer the Same as they may
Juge proper or best or to take any other action for
the Selectmen of Said claim which may be thought best
- 3d To See if the town will Scure Bear River Bridge from
rotting and build a Stone abutment under the same or
see what coues the town will take with it

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- 4th To see if the town will discontinue the road beginning
at or near James Estes and ending near Nathan Halls
running through the land of J F Kamballs and M T
Kimblalls

- 5th To see what the town will do about a poor farm

Given under our hands at Bethel this fourth day of Sept

A D 1851

(Signed)

Charg R Lock

J B Mason

E S Bartlett

Selectmen

of Bethel

Oxford ss

Sept 15th 1851

This certifies that I have notified & warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time and place for the purposes within mentioned accordin to law G A Hastings Constabele

A true copy of the original warrant and the return on the back attest G A Hastings Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the Inhabentants of Said Bethel meet at the time & place and therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the clerk and proceded to buisness

first chose Gilman Chapman for Moderator who was Sworn in to office by the Clerk

2d Voted to pass over the Sec artical and take up the third

3d Voted that when the abutment under Bare river Bridge is built it Shall be built of Stone

4th Voted to bard or case baer river Bridge So that it may be Saved from the wether

5th chose Eben Eames to See that Baer river Bridge Shall be sutable Saved from the wether and present his bill to the Town

- 6th Voted to reconsider the third vote
- 7th Voted to chose a commity of three to Examin Baer River Bridge and report next March meeting whather there Shall be a Stone abutment or a wooden one or none at all under Bear River Bridge
- 8th chose Moses Mason Bezely Kendall and Amos Young to be the commity to examin Baer River Bridge and report on the abutment and to Examin it and See if it is safe and if not to take masures to secure it untill a new one is built
- 9th Voted to pass over th fourth artical
- 10th Voted that the commity to report on the Expidency of a farm for the poor to report next March meeting and procurr lands of Farm and present to the Town if thought propper

Know all men by this presents that I Aaron Cross of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine for and in consideration of the Sum of Seventy five dollars paid by Ira C Kimball of Bethel in county & State affore Said the receipt where of I do

Annual Town Meeting

To Gideon A. Hastings, constable of Bethel in the county of Oxford. Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in said town on Saturday, the thirteenth day of the present month at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following articles, to wit:

- st
1 To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting.
- nd
2 To choose a Town Clerk.
- rd
3 To choose Selectmen.
- th
4 To choose assessors.
- th
5 To examine and allow accounts.
- th
6 To choose a Superentending School Committee.
- th
7 To choose a Town Agent.
- th
8 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools and the poor and to defray other charges.
- th
9 To see what sum of money the town will raise to repair highways.
- th
10 To choose a Treasurer.
- th
11 To choose a Collector or Collectors of taxes.
- th
12 To see which the town will build, under Bear river bridge, a stone abutment or a wooden pier, and to see

- what else they will do to preserve said bridge.
- 13 th To see what sum of money the town will raise to defray
the expense of what ever they may do to Bear river
bridge.
- 14 th To see if the town will purchase a farm for the poor.
- 15 th To see if the town will set up and enforce a claim of
loss and damage aganist the Atlantic & St. Lawrence
Rail Road Corporation for the loss of Pleasant river
bridge , in consequence of the obstruction at their
bridge.
- 16 th To see if the town will make and open the road, that
is located near the school house in district No. 6,
and see what course the town will take to do so.
- 17 th To see what course the town will take to repair the
road from Walker's Mills toward Albany and other
roads.
- 18 th To if the town will choose school Agents.

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- 19 th To choose highway surveyors, field drivers & fence
viewers.
- 20 th To choose pound keepers & provide pounds.
- 21 th To choose surveyors of lumber.
- 22 nd To choose surveyors of wood & bark.
- 23 rd To choose tything men & sextons.
- 24 th To choose all other mecessary town officers.
- th

25 To see how the town will have its future meetings notified.

26 th To see if the town will vote to set off, from district No. 15 and 24 Daniel Young, Wm Hapgood, John F. Hapgood, David Wheeler, Aluah Wheeler and Gardner W. Dalrympole together with their estates into a separate school district agreeable to the petition of Aluah Wheeler & others.

27 th To see if the town will set off Stephen Estes, Hezekiah Moody & Galen Blake from district No: 21, with their estates together together with district No: 20 in a joint district with Hamlin's Gore or Grant or give said Estes, Moody and Blake their school money to expence in said Gore or Grant, or set them with their estates into a separate school district.

28 th To see if the town will set of Lyman Bird together with his estate from district No: 10 to district No: 14.

29 th To see if the town will allow Levi Twitchell and Ira Cook their school money to expend in district No: 4.

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant at the time and place above mentioned.

The selectmen give notice that they shall be in session for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at the town house at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Bethel this 4th day of March

A. D. 1852.

Chas R. Locke	}	Selectmen
J.B. Mason		of
Elias L. Bartlett		Bethel

Bethel March 6th 1852. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said Bethel, qualified as therein required, to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned, by posting one attested copy on the congregational Meeting house on the north side of the Androsoggin river, one at the meeting house at the middle Interval and one at the Meeting house at

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the lower end of the said town of Bethel seven days before the time of meeting.

G. A. Hastings	}	Constable
		of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the return there on.

Attest William Frye Town Clerk
March 13th 1852.

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Bethel, legally qualified to vote in town affairs, met at the time and place therein appointed, and, the meeting having duly opened by the town Clerk, proceeded to business

as follows:

1 st Chose Moses Mason, Moderator who was duly Sworn in to office by the town Clerk.

2 ^d Chose William Frye, Town Clerk, who was duly sworn in to office, by Charles R. Locke Esquire, a Justice of the Peace within & for the County of Oxford, before entering upon the discharge of the duties of said office.

3 rd Chose Phineas Frost, 1 st Selectman, John B. Mason, 2 ^d Selectman, and Timothy Hastings, 3 ^d selectman, who were all duly sworn into office, according to law, by the Town Clerk in open town meeting.

4 th Chose Phineas Frost, John B. Mason and Timothy Hastings, Assessors, who were all duly sworn into office, according to law by the Town Clerk, in open town meeting.

5 th Voted to allow the following accounts against the town, to wit:

	D.	C.
Charles R. Locke's account	41	75
John B. Mason's "	21	50
Elias L. Bartlett's "	21	00
Mighill Mason's "	26	20
Mighill Mason's "	2	00
John Hill Leland's "	20	75
David Garland's "	21	00
Moses Mason's "	1	00
Gilman Chapman's "	5	50
Leander Jewett's "	"	50
Bazaleel Kendall's "	1	00

Amos Young's	"	1	00
Alphin Twitchell's	"	3	00
Gilman L. Blake's	"	15	00

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D. C.

Elbridge Chapman's account		5.00
Ebenezer Eame's	"	2.50
Gideon A. Hastings'	"	5.90
Charles B. Locke's	"	12.50

th
6 Chose Elias M. Carter, member of Supentending School Committee who was duly Sworn into office by the town Clerk.

th
7 Chose Alphin Twitchell Town Agent.

th
8 Voted to raise as much money for the Support of schools as is required by law, and the further sum of one thousand dollars for the support of the poor & to defray other town charges.

th
9 Voted to raise three thousand dollars to repair highways.

th
10 Chose Gilman Chapman Treasurer.

th
11 Voted that the collection of taxes be put up for the lowest bid - it was struck off, at one cent and nine mills on the dollar, to Mighill Mason, who was chosen collector of taxes and presented for his bondsmen, Gilman Chapman & Peter Kimball, who were accepted as such by the town.

th
12 Voted to build a stone abutment under Bear river

bridge and appointed Charles B. Locke, Ebenezer Eames and
Leander Jewett, a committee to build and let the same.
th
13 Voted to pass over the thirteenth article.
th
14 Voted to pass over the fourteenth article.
th
15 Vote to leave the fourteenth article in the hands of
the Selectmen and town agent.
th
16 Voted to pass over the sixteenth article.
th
17 Voted that the selectmen, in order to make necessary
repairs on the roads leading from Walker's Mills toward
Albany and over Bryant's hill, shall take other highway dis-
trict thereon, to keep as the same.
th 2
18 Chose O'Niel W. Robinson school agent for school
district No: 15 - Alphin Twitchell school agent for school
district No: 4 - and Timothy Barker school agent for school
district No: 17 - and voted that all other school districts
in the town may choose their own school agents.
th
19 Chose William F. Brown, # Gilman Chapman, # Ebeanzer
Twitchcell, # Benjamin Estes, Timothy Bean, Benjamin Stevens,
Enoch Estes, # John Haseltine, # Winchester Whitman, # Eber
Clough, # Benjamin Bartlett, Eliphas C. Bean, Freeland
Bartlett,

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Jonathan Stevens, Isaac Estes, # John F. Hapgood, # Jairus
Bryant, Bezaleel Kendall, # Galen Blake, George M. Burnham,
Artemas P. Bartlett, Moses S. Kimball, John Barker, George

W. Grover, # Benjamin T. Brown, Nathan D. Holt, Seth B. Newell, highway surveyors, and all those having this mark # were duly sworn by the Town Clerk in open town meeting. And all the highway surveyors, except Gilman Chapman, was chosen field drivers and fence viewers, and all those having this # mark were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open town meeting.

th
20 Chose the selectmen pound Keepers and voted that they shall provide the pounds.

st
21 Chose Pinkney Burnham, Alphin Twitchell, Hazen Keech and Jonathan Abbot, Surveyors of lumber.

d
22 Chose Moses Mason, Nathan F. Twitchell, John B. Mason, Elephas C. Bean, Andrew Twitchell, and Leonard Grover, Surveyors of wood and bark.

d
23 Chose Amos M. Merrill, Timothy H. Chapman, John A. Twitchell, John Jordan, Moses Swett, Elbridge Fifield and Phineas Stearns, Tythingmen, and Cyrus M. Harden, Sumner Stearns, Abraham Bryant, Eli Cushman, Daniel Colby, Freeland Bartlett, Elias Brown, Stephen Needham, Simeon Brown, Benjamin Estes, and Eli Twithcell, Sextons.

th
24 Chose Mighill Mason and Amos M. Merrill, Constables, who were duly sworn into office, by the town Clerk in open town meeting.

th
25 Voted that the town meetings, in this town shall here after be notified by posting notices thereof at the meeting-house at the east part of the town, at the Congregational meeting - house on Bethel Hill and at the Locke meeting

house.

th
26 Voted to set off from school district No: 15 & 24,
William Hapgood, John F. Hapgood, Daniel Wheeler, Alvah
Wheeler and Gardner W. Dalrymple, together with thier estate
into a separate school - district.

th
27 Voted to set off from school district No: 21, Stephen
Estes, Hezekiah Moody and Galin Blake together with their
estate into a separate school district.

th
28 Voted to set off Lyman Bird and his estate from school
- district No. 10 & annex the same to district No: 14.

th
29 Voted that Levi Twitchell shall have his share of the
school money to expend in school- district No: 4 and that

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Ira Cook may have the same privileges if he shall so elect.

th
30 Voted to adjourn with out day.

Moses Mason, Moderator.

Recorded by William Frye, Town Clerk.

th
March 16 1852. Pinkney Burnham was duly sworn according
to law, as a surveyor of lumber, by the town clerk.

m
Attest. W Frye, Town Clerk

March 16. 1852. Moses Mason was duly sworn, accoring to
law, as a surveyor of wood and bark, by the town clerk.

m
Attest, W Frye, Town Clerk

March 17. 1852. O'Niel W. Robinson, Jr. was duly sworn,

according to law as district School agent in and for School
- district No: 15, in Bethel, by the town clerk.

Attest W^m Frye, Town Clerk

March 30. 1852. Personall appeared Mighill Mason before me,
William Frye, Town Clerk of Bethel, and was duly and formal-
ly sworn to the faithful and impartial performance &
discharge of the duties of a collector of taxes in & for
said town of Bethel according to his best skill & judgment,
for the current muncipal year and untill another shall be
chosen and sworn in his stead.

William Frye, Town Clerk.

April 14. 1852. Personally appeared Eli Twitchell and was
duly sworn as one of the Sextons in & for the town of Bethel

William Frye, Town Clerk.

Oxford ss: There by certify that the following persons
personally appeared and were severally sworn to the faithful
and impartial discharge, according to their best skill and
judgment, at the different times here after mentioned, of
the respective offices, to which they had been chosen on the
thirteenth day of March A. D. 1852, as follows, viz:

Bezaleel Kendall, on the twentieth day of March 1852, as a
highway Surveyor, field diriver and fence viewer - on the
same day Alphin Twitchell, as a surveyor of lumber & Nathan
F. Twitchell, Surveyor of wood and bark - on the same day,
Amos M. Merrill, as a Tythingman, and Simeon Brown and
Sumner Stearns, as Sextons, on twenty second day of the same

month, Freeland Bartlett, as highway - surveyor, field-drivers and fence-viewers, on the twenty Sixth day of the same month, Abraham Bryant as Sexton.

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On the twenty seventh day of the same month, Enoch Estes and Artemas P. Bartlett, as highway surveyors, field-drivers and fence-Viewers - on the twenty ninth day of the same month, George M. Burnham and George W. Grover and Seth B. Newell, as highway-surveyors, field-dirvers and fence-viewers, Hazen Keech, as a Surveyor of lumber, Andrew Twithcell & Leonard Grover, as surveyors of wood and bark - John A. Twitchell, Tythingman, and Cyrus M. Harden, as sexton - and on the thirteenth day of the same month, Timothy H. Chapman, as Tythingman.

Before me Highill Mason, Justice of the Peace.

A true copy of the original certificate.

Attest. William Frye, Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason, Constable of the town of Bethel.

You are hereby required, in the name of the State of Maine, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel, qualified as the constitution requires, to assemble at the Town House in said Bethel, on Monday, the thirteenth day of September instant, at one of the clock P.M. to give in their votes for Govenor, Senators, and one Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this state, and you are also required to notify said inhabitants qualified to vote for representatives to meet at the same time & place to give in their votes for Clerk of the Courts, County Commissioners, County Treasurer, Register of Deeds, County Attorney and Representative to the next Congress.

The Selectmen will be in session at the town house in said town on the morning of said election at nine of the clock in the fore noon, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Dated at Bethel this ^d2 day of September 1852.

Phineas Frost	}	Selectmen
J. B. Mason		of
Timothy Hastings		Bethel

Oxford ss: September 15, 1852. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as within required to meet at the time and place and for the purposes in said warrant men-

tioned by posting one of said warrant on the Locke Meeting house, one copy on the Congregational Meeting house on Bethel Hill and one copy on the Free Meeting house near Bean's Corner more than Seven days prior to the time of Meeting.

Mighill Mason, Constable of Bethel

The fore going is a true copy of the original warrant & return thereon.

Attest, William Frye, Town Clerk

September 13, 1852. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel, qualified as therein mentioned, met at the time & place appointed.

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and the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen, they gave in their voters for the several offices in said warrant mentioned, as follows:

The whole number of ballots given in was four hundred and fourteen. 414.

The several persons voted for, received the number of votes following, viz:

For Governor.

John Hubbard, Two hundred & fifteen	215
Anson G. Chandler, One hundred & Seventy Four	171
William G. Crosley, twenty Three	23

Ezekiel Holms, Two

2

For Senators

James Walker of Lovell, One hundred and Eighty Eight 188

John J. Holman of Dixfield, one hundred and

Eighty Nine 189

Isaac N. Stanley of Dixfield, Two hundred and Three 203

Jonathan Moore of Stoneham, Two Hundred and Three 203

Cyrus Thompson of Hartford, Seventeen 17

Enoch W. Woodbury of Sweden 17

For Clerk of County

Charles W. Walton of Dixfield, Eighty Nine 89

Elisha Winter of Dixfield, Three Hundred and

Seventeen 317

Albert H. Small of Newery, One 1

County Attonery

David R. Hastings of Lovell, one Hundred and Ninety 190

William W. Virgin of Norway, one Hundred and

Ninety Eight 198

William W. Bolster of Rumford 20

For Register of Deeds

Stephen D. Hutchinson of Paris, one hundred and

Ninety 190

Charles T. Mellen of Paris, Two Hundred and

For County Treasurer.

Joseph Child of Paris, One Hundred and ninety	190
Henry C. Reed of Norway, Two Hundred and nineteen	219

For County Commissioners.

John A. Spring of Hiram, One Hundred and Eighty Nine	189
Ajalon Dillingham of Turner, One Hundred and Ninety	190
Ichabod Bonny of Turner, One Hundred and Niney Nine	199
Thomas Farmington of Stowe, Two Hundred and	
Twenty one	221
Isaac Gross of Turner	20

For Representative to Congress.

Samuel Mayall of Gray, Three Hundred and Sixteen	316
Charles T. Gilman of Bruniswick, Ninety Five	95

For Representative to the Legislature.

Gideon A. Hastings of Bethel, one Hundred and	
Ninety Two	192
Ebenezer Eames of Bethel, Two hundred and Eleven	211
Henry Ward of Bethel, one	1
Phineas Frost of Bethel, one	1

Recorded by William Frye Town Clerk

Presidential Election Meeting 1852

To Mighill Mason, Constable of the town of Bethel.

In the name of the state of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel, qualified according to the Constitution to meet at the Town House in said Bethel, on tuesday, the second day of November A. D. 1852 at one of the clock in the afternoon, to give in their

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votes for eight electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on Said second day of November at twelve o'clock, M. for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualification of voters. Given under our hands at Bethel on this Sixteenth day of October A.D. 1852.

Phineas Frost	}	Selectmen
J.B. Mason		of
Timothy Hastings		Bethel

Oxford ss. Nov. 2, 1852. By virtue of the within I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel, qualified as the Constitution requires to meet at the town house in Bethel at one of the clock in the afternoon to give in their votes for eight electors for President an Vice Prersident, by posting three attested copies of the within, one on the

Meeting House on Bethel Hill, one on the outside door of the Locke Meeting House, and one on the outside door of the Free Meeting House near Col. Ball Bartlett's corner- all of the three above place are public and conspicuous places

Mighill Mason } Constable
of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant & of the return thereon.

Attest William Frye Town Clerk.

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November 2 1852. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel, qualified as therein required met at the time and place appointed, and, (the meeting being opened by the chairman of the Selectmen). they gave in their votes for eight electors of President and Vice President of the United States, as follows: viz:

The whole number of Ballots given in was three Hundred.	
For Rufus McTetise of Parsonsfield Two hundred &	
sixteen	216
John C. Talbot, Senior, of East Machias Two hundred and	
sixteen	216
George F. Shepley of Portland, Two hundred and	
sixteen	216
Reuben Lowell of Chestervill, Two hundred and	
sixteen	216

Jonathan H. Fuller of Freedom, Two hundred and sixteen	216
Oliver Moses of Bath, Two hundred and sixteen	216
David Richardson of Camdan, Two Hundred and sixteen	216
Isaac W. Tabor of Houlton, Two hundred and sixteen	216
Daniel Goodnow of Alfred, Forty four	44
Thomas L. Pullen of Dover, Forty four	44
John B. Brown of Portland, Forty four	44
William Ayer of Watervill, Forty four	44
John B. Mason of Dixfield, Forty four	44
Abner Coburn of Bloomfield, Forty four	44
Lysander Cutler of Dexter, Forty four	44
John Balch of Trescott, Forty four	44
Lanwel Fessenden of Portland, Forty	40
Peter Talbot of East Machias, Forty	40
Charles Trafton of South Berwick, Forty	40
Abraham A. Barker of Lowell, Forty	40
Theophilus Cushing of Frankfort, Forty	40
Drummond Fannsworth of Augusta, Forty	40
Ozias Blambard of Blambard, Forty	40
Jonathan H. Hsley of Ellsworth, Forty	40

Recorded by

William Frye, Town Clerk.

Town Meeting. Nov. 15. 1852

To Mighill Mason, Constable of the town of Bethel in the
county of Oxford. Greetings.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby
required, to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town,
qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to assemble at
Sunday River Bridge in Said town, on Monday the fifteenth
instant at eleven of the clock in the forenoon to act on the
following articles, viz:

First. To choose a Moderator to govern said meeting.

Second. To see what method the town will take to build a
bridge over Sunday River.

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Third. To see if the town will raise money to build said
bridge.

Fourth. To transact any other business that may legally come
before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day November 1853.

Phineas Frost	} Selectmen of Bethel
J.B. Mason	
Timothy Hastings	

Oxford ss. Nov: 15. 1852. By virtue of the within I have
notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel to meet at the
time and place for the purpose within mentioned, by posting
up three attested copies of the within - one on the Meeting

house on Bethel Hill, one on the Locke Meeting house and one on the free Meeting house near Col. Ball Bartlett's, being three public and conspicuous places in said Bethel, at least seven days before said meeting.

Mighill Mason

} Constable
of
Bethel

November 15, 1852. Pursuant to the foregoing warrant, the inhabitants of said Bethel, qualified to vote as therein required, met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by the town clerk, proceeded to business as follows; viz:

1st Made choice of Amos M. Merrill for Moderator to govern Said meeting, who was duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk.

2. Voted to adjourn this meeting to reassemble forth with at the school-house near said Sunday river bridge and the meeting being reassemble at said School-house according to this vote: and being called to order by the moderator:

3. Voted to build bridge over Sunday River to be completed by the fourth day of July next.

4. Voted to raise a Committee of five, consisting of Thatcher York, Charles R. Locke, Timothy Hastings, Luther Eames and James Locke, to superintend the building of said bridge.

5. Voted to pass over the the third article in the warrant.

6. Voted to instruct the committee to attend to their duties immediately.

Recorded by William Frye, Town Clerk

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Annal Town Meeting 1853

To Mighill Mason a constable of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford (greeting).

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town House in Said Town on Monday the Seventh Day of March next at ten of the O clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles to wit.

First, To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting.

2nd To Choose a clerk for Said Town

3rd To Choose three or more Selectmen

4th To Choose three or more Assessors

5th To Choose a Treasurer for Said Town

6th To Choose a Collector or Collectors

7th To Choose one or more Constables

8th To Choose two or more fence Viewers

9th To Choose Surveyors of HighWays

10th To Choose Surveyors of Lumber

11th To Choose measurers of Wood & Bark

12th To Choose Tythingmen

- 13th To Choose Sealers of Leather
- 14th To Choose one Superintending School Committee
- 15th To accept and allow accounts
- 16th To Choose a town agent
- 17th To Raise Monney to defray town Charges
- 18th To Raise Monney for the support of Schools
- 19th To Raise Money for the repair of Highway.
- 20th To See if the Town will raise money to Defray the
expense of a Bridge over Sunday River
- 21st To Choose field Drivers
- 22nd To Choose Pound Keepers
- 23rd To See if the Town will accept a Road as laid by the
Selectmen to convene Henry Jordan
- 24th To See if the Town will accept a Road as laid by the
Selectmen to convene Charles E. Paine
- 25th To See if the Town will accept a Road as laid by the
Selectmen to Convene Jedidiah Estes

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26th To See if the Town will vote to receive a part of a
School Dist from Milton for the purpose of annexing the same
to School Dist No 19 in Said Town

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House in Said
Town on the morning of the meeting at nine of the O clock,
A.M. for the purpose of receiving evidence of the qualifi-
cations of voters

Given under our hands at Bethel this 19th day of February
eighteen hundred and fifty three

Phineas Frost	{	Selectmen
J.B. Mason		of
Timothy Hastings		Bethel

th
Oxford ss. March 7 1853

By virtue of the Within warrant to me directed I have
notified & warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law
to Vote in town affairs to meet at the time place & for the
purposes Within named at least Seven days before the time of
Said meeting in the following manner (to wit)

one on the outside door of the meeting house near Charles R.
Locke, one on the meeting House door on Bethel Hill & one on
the free Meeting House near Col Ball Bartlett's being three
public and conspicuous places & the Same places the Town
voted to have them put up at its last anuel Meeting

th March 7 1853	{	Constable
Mighill Mason		of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrent With
the return thereon. Attest I.G. Kimball, Town Clerk

th
March 7 . 1853

th
Bethel. March 7 1853. Pursuant to the foregoing
Warrent the Inhabitnats of Bethel met at the time and place
appointed and proceeded to business. viz:

1 Choose Moses Mason, Moderator who was Sworne in to
office by the town Clerk before entering upon its duties.
2nd Chose Israel G. Kimball Town Clerk Who was duly sworne
into office according to law

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by the Moderator in open town meeting

3 Chose Elias M. Certer, 1st Selectman Elias S.
Bartlett, 2nd Selectman and Eber Clough, 3^d Selectman
Who were all duly Sworne into office according to law by
the Moderator in open town Meeting

4th Chose Elias M. Carter, Elias S. Bartlett and Eber
Clough, for Assessors who were all duly Sworne in to
office according to law by the Moderator in open town
meeting

5th Chose Gilman Chapman Treasurer

6th Voted to pass over the 6th article and take up the
17th

7th Voted to rais two thousand dollars to defray Town
charges

8th Voted to rais the Sum the law requires for the
Support of Schools

9th Voted that the Collection of taxes be put up for the
lowest bid, it was Struck off at five mills on the
dollar to Mighill Mason, who was chosen collector of
taxes and presented for his bondsmen, Gilman Chapman,

John Hastings, Moses Mason, William Goddard, who were
accepted as Such by the Town.

th
10 Chose Mighill Mason and Gilman Chapman Constables
who were duly swon into office by the Moderator in open
town meeting.

th
11 Chose Pinkney Burnham & Edmond H. Chapman as
Surveyors of Lumber.

th
12 Chose A. I. Eames, Ira C. Kimball, John B. Mason and
Albert S. Burbank for measures of wood and bark.

th
13 Chose Samuel Chapman, Wodsome Mason and Mighill
Mason for tythingmen.

th
14 Chose I. G. Kimball #, R. A. Chapman #, Eli Lwikhel,
H. Moody #, John L. Swan, Gilman Daniels, Elijah
Harding, Winchester Whitman, Jediah Estes #, Mighill
Mason #, Charles R. Locke #, Lumuer Stearnes, Isaac
Estes, Elbridge Chapman #, John Chase #, George E.
Farewell, Galon Blake #, Jacob Annis, Jonas Bartlett #,
James Estes #, Andrew Grover, John B. Mason, Amos Young
#, Omando Holt, Wodsome Mason, Joseph Stearns, Aaron P.
Beattie #, John D. Gossom, Joel Godard #, Chas E. Paine
highway Surveyors and all those that have this mark #
were duly Sworn by the Moderator in open town meeting.

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th
15 Chose Samuel Chapman Eben^u Richerson fence viewers.

th
16 Chose David Garland Superentending School Committee.
th

- 17 Voted to pass over the 15th and take up the 16
 18th Chose Alphen Twithcell town agent.
 19th Voted to allow the followisng Accounts aganist the

town of Bethel, to wit.			D C
Elbridge Chapmans	account		72.36
E. M. Carters	" "		18.50
David Garlands	" "		22.00
Mighill Masons	" "		22.36
Mighill Masons	" "		4.30
Charles R. Locke	" "		6.50
Phineas Frost	" "		41.87
John B. Mason	" "		27.30
Timothy Hastings	" "		29.12
William Williamson	" "		42.00
Timothy Bean	" "		15.00
Elenezer Eames	" "		63.04
Robert G. Wiley	" "		6.00

- 20th Voted to raise two thousand dollars to repair
 highways

- 21st Choose Gilas Bancroft, Elias S. Bartlett, John
 Chapman field drivers.

- 22^d Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the
 Selectmen to Henry Jordans.

- 23^d Voted not to accept of the road as laid out by the
 Selectmen to Charles E. Paines.

- 24th Voted to receive a part of a School Dist^u from Milton
 Plantation for the purpose of annexing the same to School

Dist. No 19 in said town ~~Moses Mason Moderator~~

~~Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk~~

th

25 Voted to accept the following names as Jurors.

William Goddard, Alphin Twitchell, Elias S. Bartlett,
Gilman Chapman, Humphrey Bean, George Chapman, Peter
Kimball, Moses T. Cross, James A. S. Bartlett, Joseph L.
Merrill, Alonzo Howe, Moses A. Mason, John D. Hastings,
Benjamin Freeman, Samuel J. Howard, Eber. Clough,
Ebenezer Richardson, Jr. Israel G. Kimball,

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Charles Mason, Samuel Bird, Henry Ward, Jr. Artemas P.
Bartlett, Leonard Grover, Isaac B. Littlehale, Robbins
Brown, Leander Jewett, Jacob D. Grover, Jonathan M.
Bartlett, Gilbert Chapman, Gilman Daniels, Ira C. Kimball,
Moses Sweat, Jonathan Cross, Zackariah Bean, Elijah G.
Harding, Moses T. Kimball, John Barker, Luther P. Holt,
Leonard Farewell, Nathan Grover, Gilman L. Blake, Walter
Mason, Hiram Hodgdon.

Moses Mason, Moderator

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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Road

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the

application of Henry Jordan to lay out a private way for for the use of the Inhabitants of said town having given Notice of our intention to lay out the Same, Met on Saturday, the sixth day of Nov. at the time and place appointed for that purpose and haveing perd only examined the road preposed We are of opinion that there is occasion for a private Way for the use of the Inhabitants of Said Twon. We there fore lay out Said way as follows, beginning at a Stake one rod and a half North from the South West corner of the lot on which Henry Jordon lives thence South 20 Degrees West through land of John Russell 14 rods to a birch Tree thence South 63 degrees West 30 rods to a Stake thence West 10 degrees North 18 rods to a Stake thence West 20 degrees South 20 rods to the Main Road on the line divideing the land of John Russell and Eleazer Twitchell all on land owned by John Russell

(Signed) J. B. Mason

(Selectmen

Timothy Hastings

of

Bethel

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to

assemble at the town house in Said Bethel on Monday the
twelvth day of September next at ten o clock in the forenoon

to act on the following articles to wit:

- st
1 To choose a moderator to preside in Said Metting
d
2 To see what method the town will direct in relation to
Isaac Pressey and family.
d
3 To See if the town will accept of a road as laid out by
the Selectmen on the petition of Alphens Swan and others
th
4 To transact any other business that may legally come
before Said metting

st
Dated at Bethel this 31 day of Aug A. D. 1853

Elias M Carter

Elias S Bartlett

Eber Clough

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford ss. Sept 12 1853

By virtue of the within to me dircted I have notified and
warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in
town affairs to assemble at time place and for the purposes
within named by posting up three copies of the within one on
the outside door of the Meeting House (n)ear Col Bell
Bartlett's one on the outside door of the Meeting House near
Chas R Lockes and one in the Box placed in the Meeting House
on Bethel Hill for purpose of receiving public notices,
being three public and conspicuous places in Said town of
Bethel

Mighill Mason

Constable

of

Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrent & of
the return thereon

Attest Israel G Kimball Town Clerk

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th
September 12 1853 Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant
the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as there in directed met
at the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened
by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows.

st
1 Made choice of Phineas Frost for moderator to govern
Said meeting who was duly Sworne into office by the Town
Clerk

nd
2 Voted to leave the case of Isaac Pressey in the hands of
the Selectmen

th
3 Voted not accept of the road as laid out by the Select-
men on Swans Hill

th
4 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to lay out a road in the
road as now traveled leading from Coads by John Swans &
Joseph Holts to the old County road and expend fifty or
Sixty dollars for repairs on Said road

Phineas Frost Moderator

Recorded by Israel G. Kimball Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of Bethel You are
hereby required in the name of the State of Maine, to notify
and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as

the constitution requires, to assemble at the Town house in
Said town on Monday the twelvth day of September next at
twelve O'clock noon to give in their votes for Govener
Senators County Commissioners County Treasurer and
Representitive to represent this representative district in
the legislature of this State

The Selectmen will be in Session at
Said town house on the day of Said election at nine O'clock
in the fore noon for the purpose of correcting the list of
voters

Dated at Bethel the thirty first day of Aug A. D.
1853 Elias M Carter 3 Selectmen
 Elias S Bartlett 3 of
 Eber Clough 3 Bethel

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Oxford ss Bethel Sept 12th 1853

By virtue of the within warrent to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified
as the constitution required to assemble at the Town house
in Said Bethel at the time and for the purposes within named
by posting up three copies of the within one on the outside
door of the Locke Meeting House one in the Box for notices
in the Meeting House on Bethel Hill and one on the outside
door of the Meeting House near Col Ball Bartletts being
three publick and conspicuous places in Said town

Mighill Mason

{ Constable
of
Bethel

The fore going is a true copy of the original warrent and of
the return there on

Attest Israel G Kimball Town Clerk
th

Sept 12 1853 Pursuant to the fore going warrent the
inhabitants of Bethel met qualified as therein mentioned at
the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by
the chairman of the Selectmen they gave in their votes for
the several officers in Said warrent mentioned - as follows
The whole number of ballots given in was three hundred &
ninety nine

For Govenors

Ezekiel Holmes	Fifty	50
William G Crosby	Thirty Seven	37
Albert Pilsbury	one hundred & eighty Seven	187
Anson P Morrill	one hundred twenty five	125

For Senators

Job Prince	one hundred fifty three	153
Hiram Hubbard	one hundred forty Seven	147
John J Holman	one hundred Seventy nine	179
Abernathy Graves	one hundred Sixty nine	169
Enoch W Woodbury	Thirty nine	39
W. West Virgin	Forty one	41

Leonard P Smith Twenty Six 26

Jacob Breadbury Twenty Six 26

For County Commissioners

James Brown one hundred eighty seven 187

John M Wilson one hundred ninety seven 197

A. A. Barker nine 9

James H Farnum one 1

For Treasurers

Joseph Childs one hundred eighty six 186

Rufus T Steven two hundred five 205

Eli Morse nine 9

For Representative to Legislature

O Neal W Robinson two hundred twelve 212

Phineas Frost one hundred fifty 150

Tylor P Town five 5

Elihu Bean nine 9

Jonathan Abbot one 1

Recorded by Israel G Kimball Town Clerk

To Gilman Chapman one of the Constables of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford. Greeting. In the name of the State of Maine, your are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law

to vote in town affairs, to assemble at the town house in
Said town on Monday the sixth day of March next at ten
Oclock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to

wit.

st

1 To choose a moderator to preside in Said meeting

nd

2 To choose a town Clerk for the ensuing year

rd

3 To choose three or more Selectmen

th

4 To choose assessors

th

5 To choose a Treasurer

th

6 To choose a Town Agent

th

7 To choose one Superentending School Committee

th

8 To dispose of the collection of taxes

th

9 To choose a collecttor or Collectors of taxes

th

10 To choose a constable or constables

th

11 To choose highway Surveyors or Commissinors

th

12 To choose Field drivers and Fence viewers

th

13 To choose School District Agents

th

14 To choose Tythingmen and Sextons

th

15 To choose surveyors of Lumber

th

16 To choose Sealers of Leather and measurers of Wood
and Bark

th

17 To choose all other neccessary town officers for the
year

th

18 To hear the report of the Superentending School Com-
mittee

19 To hear the report of the Selectmen and receive and
allow accounts



- 20th To raise money to repair High Ways
21st To raise money to defray town Charges
22nd To raise Money for the support of Schools
23rd To See what method the town will take to repair
Sunday River Bridge
24th To See if the town will vote to discontinue the road
leading from E Bryants gete to Collins Blakes house

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- 25th agreeable to the petition of E Bryant and others
To See if the Town will accept of a part of a School
Disct from Milton Plantation on to School dist No 19
in the town of Bethel
26th To See if the town will accept of a road laid by the
Selectmen on the petition of Henry Goodnow and
others
27th To See what direction the town Will in relation to
Isaac Pressy and Family
28th To See if the town will authorise Some person to
Give a deed of the Cummins farm and Under what
restriction if any
29th To transact any other business that may legally come
before Said meeting

The Selectmen give notice that they Shall be in Session for
the purpose of revising and correcting the list of Voter at
the town house at nine of the Clock in the fore noon of the

day of Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel the twenty third day
of Feby A. D. 1854

Elias M Carter 3 Selectmen
Eber Clough of
Bethel

Bethel March 6-1854

By vritue of the within Warrant to me directed I have
notified and warned the inhabitnats of Bethel qualified to
vote in town affairs to assemble for the purposes within
mentioned at the town house by posting up notifications or
copys of the within warrent on the out Side door of the free
Meeting house, the Locke Meeting House & the first Congra-
gational Meeting House being three public and conspicuous
places in the town of Bethel Seven days before the day of
this meeting the affore Said places being the places voted
by the town as the places to have Town Meetings notified

Gilman Chapman

(Constable
of
(Bethel

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The fore going is a true Copy of the original warrent and of
the return thereon

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business viz.

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1 Made choice of Elias M. Carter for Moderator to govern Said meeting, who was duly Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duty by the Town Clerk
- nd
2 Made choice of Israel G. Kimball for Town Clerk who was duly Sworn in to office by the Moderator before entering upon the discharge of the duties of Said office
- ^d
3 Made choice of Elias S. Bartlett, 1 st Selectmen
- th
4 Made choice of Eber Clough 2 nd Selectmen
- th
5 Made choice Gilman L. Blake 3 ^d Selectmen
- th
6 Made choice of Elias S. Bartlett Eber Clough Gilman L. Blake for Assessors Who were all duly Sworn into office according to law in open town meeting
- th
7 Made choice of Gilman Chapman for Treasurer
- th
8 Made choice of Alphin Twitchell Town Agent
- th
9 Made choice of David Allen for Superentending School Committee
- th
10 Voted that the collection of taxes be put up at the lowest bid. It was struck off at one cent and two mills on the dollar to Mighill Mason, who was chosen Collector of taxes and presented for his bondsmen Elias S. Bartlett, Curatio T Bartlett & Israel Kimball
- th
11 Made choice of Mighill Mason, Gilman Chapman & Gilman L. Blake for constables who appeared and were duly Sworn to a faithful discharge of their duties.
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12 Made choice of I. G. Kimball. John C Stearns".
Stephen Eastes". Benjamin Estes". Elijih Brown". Moses
Sweat". Winchester Whitman". Benjamin Bartlett". Timothy
Ayer. St John Hastings". Samuel B Twitchell Isaac
Estes". David F Brown". Eli H Cushman". Jonathan
Abbott".

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James A. S. Bartlett. Ephriam Bryant Albert F Burbank"
Osgood Brown Benjamin F Brown Justine Bean Eber Rich-
erson Jr Samuel Bird Leonard Whitmen" John Hamblin"
Elias Brown" Sullivan R Hu(t)chins Silas G Wheeler"
George Chapman" A. G. Oliver"

Highway Surveyers

th
13 Voted that the highway Surveyors be Field Drivers &
Fence Viewers and all those haveing this mark " appeared
and were Sworn to the several offices for which they
were chosen.

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14 Made choice of James Locke, Spencer T Bartlett#
Ebenr Richardson Jr# Nathan W Etherage# Enoch Stiles#
John Hamblin# Arthur D Holt# John S Swan# Leonard
Farwell. John E Farwell# Abial Chandler David Holt
Gilman Daniels Jediah Estes# John Jourdon# Jonathan
Abbot# James Grover Chas E Paine# George W Grover#
James Lapham# David Wheeler# Galen Blake# for District
School Agents and all those haveing this mark # were

duly Sworn into office by the town clerk in open town meeting.

15th Made choice of Samuel H Chapman. A. P. Eames Henry Jourdan. Moses Sweat & Benjamin Freeman for tythingmen

16th Made choice of John D Hastings Benjamin H Clark Stephen Needham Eli H. Cushman Afram Bryant Eli Twitchell Benjamin Estes Freeland Bartlett Simeon Brown for Sextons

17th Made choice of Benjamin Freeman Samuel B Twitchell James Walker for Surveyor of Lumber

18th Made choice of David F Brown for Sealer of Leather

19th Made choice of Benjamin Freeman Pinkney Burnham Amos A. Merrill. Charles Crosby for measurers of Wood

and Bark

20th Voted that the Selectmens yards be pounds

21st Heard the report of the Serp School Committee

22nd Voted to accept of the report of Said Committee

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Mighill Mason appeared and was duly Sworn as Collector of taxes By the Town Clerk

23 Voted to allow the following accounts against the Town of Bethel to wit.

	Do Cents
Elias M Carters Account	36 50
Eber Clough "	28 55
Elias S. Bartletts "	25 00

Elias M Carters	"	21	00
Mighill Masons	"	16	80
David Garlands	"	17	00
Elbridge Chapman	"	6	00
Leander Jewett	"	1	00
Gilman Chapman's	"	8	00
Ebnr Eames	"	1	00
Timothy Hastings	"	3	00
Lutheur Eames		3	00
Caleb Howe		10	00
Andrew Twithcell		5	00

- 24 th Voted to lay Seth White account on the table
- 25 th Voted to raise the Sum of Twenty five hundred
dollars to repair high Ways
- 26 th Voted to raise twelve hundred dollars to defray town
charges
- 27 th Voted to raise the sum required by law for the
Support of Schools
- 28 th Voted that Charles R Locke be a Committee to repair
Sunday River bridge which is to be done as soon as
possible.
- 29 th Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the
Selectmen on the petition of Henry Goodnow and others
- 30 th Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to commence
an action against the town of Mercer immediatly after
having notified Said Town of the Said Vote
- 31 st Voted that Elias M. Carter be authurised to give a

deed of the Cummings farm so called to Joseph Cummings.
Provided Said Cummings Will give a good and Sufficient
Bond that he Will not become chargeable

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to the Town of Bethel.

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by I. G. Kimbal Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the appication of
Henry Goodnow John B Mason and others to lay out town way
in Said Town begining at the County Road near Pleasant River
Bridge and ending at Henry Goodnow house.

Having given Seven days notice of our intentions to lay
out the same & stated in Said notice the termini thereon by
posting said notice in t(w)o publick places in said town and
in the Vicinity of the preposed road, to wit, at Henry
Hurds Store and at I. G. Kimball Store in Said town on the
15th day of Feb Inst. and having met at the time and place
appointed for that purpose and haveing personally examined
the rout preposed are of opinion that there is occasion for
a new town way for the use of Henry Goodnow Inhabitant of
Said town

We therefore lay out said Way as follows begining at the
county Road two rods West of the Bridge over Pleasant River
near Caleb Goodnows house thence running South thirty six

degrees East over Leand of Henry Goodnows twenty two rods to a stake near the house of Henry Goodnows the line discribed to be the middle of the high way and the highway to be two rods wide. Such laying out with the boundary and admeasurements have been filed with the Town Clerk on the 27th day of Feb being Seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report Such laying out to Said Town at a meeting of the Inhabitants regularly Warned and notified for them to accept and allow the Same

Given under our hands this 27th day of Feb 1854

Elias M. Carter	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
		Bethel

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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Oxford ss. Personally appeared the following named persons on the following days and took the oath for the faithful and impartial duties of the office which they were elected at the last anual town meeting in Bethel, to wit on the tenth day of March last Samuel B Twitchell, Benjamin T Brown Justine Bean Samuel Bird S. R. Hu(t)chins as high Way Surveryors field drivers & fence viewers. Also James Locke Seth Wight Jr. David Holt Gilman Daniels on the tenth & eleventh days took the oath as School Dist Agents & Nathan W Etherage on the fifteenth day also John A Hastings Benj.

M Clark Stephen Needham on the tenth & eleventh days took the oath of Sextons also Benj. Freeman Amos A Merrill & Charles Crosby were Sworn as Surveyors of Wood & Bark & on the tenth day Personally appeared D. F. Allen and was Sworn to the faithful and impartial discharge of the duties as Superentending School Comittee

All of the afore named appeared on the above named days in March

Before me Justice
Bethel May 8 - 1854 Mighill Mason of the
Peace

a true Copy of the original certificate

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

Oxford ss. June 15. 1854 Personally appeared Eli Eastes and took the oath precribed by law to qualify him discharge the duties of high Way Surveyor

Before me Elias M Carter Justice of Peace
a true Copy of the original certificate

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of the town of Bethel. Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine You are required to notify and warn all persons Qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town on the

first day of July next at one Oclock P.M. to act on the following Subjects. Viz.

first to choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting

Second to see if the town will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of James M Pote jr.

Third to See if the town Will accept of a road as laid out by the Selectmen on the Petition of John Garland & others.

fourth to See what action the town will take in relation to the county road up the Williamson Hill so called

Given under our hands this 19th day of June A.D. 1854

Elias S Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L Blake		Bethel

Oxford ss July 1. 1854

By virtue of the Within Warrent to me directed I have notified & warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at the time & place and for the purposes within named by posting up three copies of the within on on the free

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Meeting house near Col Ball Bartlett one on the Meeting
House near Cha^s R Locke one on the Meeting House on Bethel
Hill being three public and conspiceous places in Said town
and the same places the town Voted to have them put and all

three posted up at least Seven days before the time of Said Meeting

Mighill Mason

Constable

of

Bethel

The fore going is a true copy of the original Warrent and of the return thereon

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

July 1. 1854

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the Inhabitants of Said Bethel legelly quialified to Vote in Town affairs met at the time and place therein appointed and the meeting haveing been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

first chose Elias M Carter for moderator to govern Said Meeting Who was duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk before entering upon the discharge of his duties

Second. Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of James M Pote jr & others

third. Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the Selectmen on the petition of John Garland & others

fourth. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to petition to the County Commessioners to discontinue the old road up the Swan Hill.

Elias M. Carter Moderator

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of James M Pote jr & others to lay out a town way in said Town. Beginning at the County road near the House now occupied by Simeon Brown and ending at the House of James M Pote jr in Bethel having given seven Days written notice of our intention to lay out the same and stated in Said notice the termini thereof by Posting up said notice in two Public Places in said Town an in vicinity of the Proposed route to wit at the shop now occupied by Charles E. Swan at Middle Intervale and at the School House in Arther D. Holt Dist in Bethel on the 7th day of June instant and having met at the time and place appointed for the Purpose and having Personally examined the route Proposed are of opinion that there is occasion for a Town way for the use of said Town as proposed. We therefore lay out said was as follows. Beginning at the County road south sixty Degrees East six rods from the South East corner of the House now occupied by Simeon Brown thence the same Degree 36 links through land occupied by John Beattie and ending at James M Pote jr. House in Bethel said line Described to be the middle of the Highway and the Highway to be three rods wide and we award to the owner of Said land over which the said road Passes five Dollars Damage to be Paid by said Town and we allow to the said owner one week to remove the Fence standing there on which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasure-

ments have been filed with the Town Clerk on the 19th day of June being seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements of the same to said town at a meeting of the inhabitants regularly warned and notify for them to accept and allow the same

Given under our hands this the 19th Day of June AD 1854

Elias S. Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L. Blake		Bethel

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of John Garland and others to lay out a town way in said town beginning at the County Road near the foot of the Williamson Hill so called and ending at the County Road where it intersects with the road leading to Joseph Holts and having given seven days notice of our intention to lay out the same and stated in said notice the terms thereof by posting said notice in two public places in said town and in the Vecinity of the proposed route to wit at the shop now occupied by Charles E Swan at Middle Intervale and at the School house in Arther D Holts district in said town on the 9th day of June inst and having met at the time and place

appointed for that purpose and having personally examined the route proposed are of opinion that there is occasion for a new town way for the use of said town as proposed. We therefore lay out said way as follows beginning at a stake and stones on the East side of the County Road standing North 199 Degrees west one and half Rods from a maple tree standing at the foot of the Willismson Hill so called thence North fifty degrees east twenty seven rods to stake & stones thence North forty three degrees East ten rods to a stake and Stones thence North twenty four degrees East Seven rods and fourteen links to a stake and stones from thence North Sixty four degrees East forty four rods to a stake and stones thence North Sixty six degrees East thirty two rods to the County Road through Land of John Williamson Said line described to be the middle of the High way and the High way to be three rods wide and we award to said John Williamson one hundred forty Dollars for his damage

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to be paid by said town and we allow said owner four months to take off the wood standing or growing on said Land and to remove the fence which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements have been filed with the town clerk on the 19th day of June Inst being seven days before this meeting and we now hereby report such laying out with

the boundaries and admeasurements of the same to said town
at the meeting of inhabitants regularly warned and notified
for them to accept and allow the same

Given under our hands this 19th day of June AD 1854

Elias S. Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L. Blake		Bethel

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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Bethel Sept 11th 1854

Persuant to the foregoing Warrant the Inhabitants of Bethel
qualified as therein mentioned

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel
greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to
notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town house in said town on the Eleventh day of September
next at ten O clock AM to act upon the following articles to
wit

- First to choose a moderator to preside in said Meeting
- 2nd to see if the Town will accept of a road as laid out
by Selectmen from Joseph Holts to Edward Coad
- 3rd to see what action the town will take to repair the

road in Moses Swetts District

4th to see what action the town will take in relation to
the Petition of Nathaniel Swan and other to the County
Commissioners

Given under our hands this the 25th of August A D 1854

Elias S. Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L. Blake		Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within I have notified and warned
the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as within same to
assemble at the time and place and for the purposes within
named by posting up three attested copies of the within in
three public and conspicuous places (to wit)
one on the free Meeting house near Ball Bartlett one on the
free Meeting house near Charles R. Locke's one on the
Meeting house on Bethel Hill all three posted up at least
seven days before the time of this meeting

Mighill Mason	}	Constable
		of
		Bethel

Bethel Sept 11th 1854

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrent and of
the return thereon

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

th
Bethel Sept 11 1854

Persuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein mentioned met at the time and place mentioned and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business

Viz:

- st
1 Made choice of Moses Potter for Moderator to preside
over said Meeting who was duly sworn by the Town Clerk
before entering upon the discharge of his duties
nd
2 Voted to accept of the road as laid out by the selectmen
on the petition of Joseph Holt and others
rd
3 Voted that the Selectmen repair the road in Moses Swetts
District.
th
4 Voted that the town choose an agent to oppose the
locations of a road on the Petition of Nathaniel Swan
and others to the County Commissioners
th
5 Voted that Moses Mason be that agent.

Moses Potter Moderator

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the applacation of Joseph Holt and others to lay out a town way in said town beginning at Joseph Holts and Ending at Edward Coads having given seven days notice of our intention to lay out the same and stated in said notice the termine thereof

by posting up said notice in two Public place in said town and in the vicinity of the proposed route Viz one on the School House on Swan's Hill in said town on the 15th of August last and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose and having personally examined the route proposed are of opinion that there is occasion for a town way for the use of said town as proposed We therefore lay out said way as follows beginning at the center of the road one rod from the end of the Stone Wall south of Joseph Holts house thence south 35 degrees 4 rods 1 links thence due East 29 rods thence North 86 degrees 34 rods thence due East

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47 rods thence South 79 deg East 10 rods thence South 82 deg East 18 rods thence South 76 deg East 70 rods thence South 68 deg East 22 rods thence South 65 deg East 14 Rods thence South 54 deg East 14 Rods thence South 68 deg East 28 Rods thence South 73 deg East 50 Rods thence South 65 deg East 44 Rods thence South 66 deg East 8 Rods thence South 70 deg East 30 Rods thence South 58 deg East 28 Rods to Edward Coads

The line described to be the center of the highway and the highway to be three Rods wide and we allow the Several owners of land on the line of Said road Six months to take off the wood and remove the fence Standing thereon; which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurements have

been filed with the town Clerk on the Second day of Sept
Inst. being seven days before this meeting and we now hereby
report such laying out with the boundaries and admeasure-
ments of the same to said Town at the meeting of the inhab-
itants regularly warned and notified for them to accept and
allow the same

Given under Our hands this the Second day Sept A D 1854

Elias S. Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L. Blake		Bethel

A true copy

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said town of
Bethel qualified as the constitution required to assemble at
the town house in said town on Monday the Eleventh day of
Sept next at one O clock in the afternoon to give their
Votes for Governor Senators and representative to represent
them in in the legislature of their State and also to give
their votes for Representative to the Congress of the United
States and also to give their votes for all necessary County
officers.

The Selectmen will be in session on Monday the Eleventh day
of Sept next at the town house in said Bethel at 9 O clock
A. M. for the purpose of correcting the List of Voters dated

at Bethel this twenty fifth day of August A D 1854

Elias S. Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of Bethel

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Oxford ss

By virtue of the within I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to vote for Governor Senators Representative to Congress & Representative to the Legislature of this State and all other necessary County officers by posting up three attested copies of the within in three public and conspicuous places in said town of Bethel in the following places (to wit) one on the free meeting house near Col. Ball Bartlett one on the free Meeting house near Charles R Locke and one on the Meeting house on Bethel hill it being the same places that the town voted to have them posted up and all posted up at least Seven days before the time of this meeting

Bethel, Sept 11, 1854 Mighill Mason	}	Constable
		of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrent and of the return thereon

Attest I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

Bethel Sept 11, 1854

Perseunt to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Bethel met qualified as therein required at the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen, They gave in their votes for the several officers therein mentioned as follows,

Whole number of ballots three hundred & Seventy six 376

For Governor

Anson P Morrill had two hundred & twenty two	222
Albion K Parris had one hundred & forty three	143
Isaac Reed had had ten	10
Shepard Cary had one	1

For Representative to Congress

John J Perry had two hundred & thirty	230
William K Kimball had one hundred & forty	140

For Senators

Job Prince had two hundred & three	203
Abernethy Grover had one hundred & thirty four	134

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C. P. Holland had one hundred & forty three	143
Timothy Walker two hundred twelve	212
Mark H Dunnell had thirty three	33
Peleg Wadsworth fifteen	15

For County Commissioners

America Bartlett had two hundred & thirty one	231
William Thomson had one hundred & forty two	142

John M Wilson had two

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For County Treasurer

Rufus K Goodnow had two hundred & Twenty nine

229

Joseph Child had one hundred & forty three

143

For Representative to Legislature

John I Bragg had one hundred & forty one

141

Charles Abbott had two hundred & twenty nine

229

Recorded by I. G. Kimball Town Clerk

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Annual Town Meeting March 5 1855

To Mighall Mason constable of the Town of Bethel, in the
county of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of
Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble
at the town house in said Bethel on Monday the fifth day of
March next at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act upon the
following articles to wit

- st
1 To choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting
- s
2 To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing Year
- d
3 To hear the Report of the Selectmen and to receive
and allow accounts
- th
4 To choose three or more Selectmen
- th
5 To choose assessors and overseers of the poor
- th
6 To choose a Town Treasurer
- th
7 To choose a Town Agent

- 8 th To choose one Superentending School Committee
- 9 th To dispose of the collecting of Taxes
- 10 th To choose a Collector of Collectors
- 11 th To choose Constables
- 12 th To choose Highway Surveyors or Commssoners
- 13 th To choose Field drivers and Fence Viewers
- 14 th To choose School District Agents
- 15 th To choose Tything men and Sextons
- 16 th To choose Surveyors of Lumber
- 17 th To choose Sealers of Leather & Surveyors of Lumber &

Bark

- 18 th To choose all other necessary Town Officers
- 19 th To hear the Report of the Supentending School

Committee

- 20 th To Raise money to defray town charges
- 21 th To Raise money to repair High Ways
- 22 nd To Raise money for the Suport of Schools
- 23 rd To See if the Town will authorize some person to

deed the Cummings farm to Joseph Cummings

top

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- 24 th To See if the town will accept of a part School
District from Milton Plantation on to school District No
19 in the Town of Bethel

th
25 To See if the Town will accept of a road as laid out
by the Selectmen on the Petition of John D Gesson and
others -----

th
26 To See if the Town will open the County road from
Hiram Youngs to Jot Twitchells

th
27 To transact any other business that may legally come
before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in Session
for the purpose of Receiving and correcting the list of
Voters at the town House at nine O'clock in the fore
noon on the day of said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel the 24th day of
February A. D. 1855

Elias S Bartlett	{	Selectmen
Eber Clough		of
Gilman L Blake		Bethel

Oxford ss

By Virtue of the within to me directed I have
notifed and warned the inhabitants of Bethl qualified by law
to vote in Town affairs to meet at the time and place
appointed and for the purposes within named by posting up
three copies of the within at least Seven days before the
time of this meeting in the following places (to wit) one on
the meeting House near Col Ball Bartletts on the out Side
door, one on the out Side door of the Locke Meeting House

And one on the out Side door of the Meeting house on Bethel Hill, being three public and conspicuous places and the same places the Town voted to have them put

th
Bethel March 5 1855

Mighall Mason

{ Constable
of
Bethel

The above is a true copy of the
original Warrent and the return thereon

Attest Bej Freeman Town Clerk

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th
Bethel March 5 1855

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrent the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place appointed; and the meeting having been duly opened by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

st

1 Chose Elias M Carter Moderator who was duly sworn
into office by the Town Clerk

^d

2 Chose Benj Freeman Town Clerk who was duly sworn
into office by the Moderator as a Justice of the Peace
within and for the County of Oxford before entering upon
the duties of his office.

^d

3 Voted to allow the following accounts aganist the
town to wit

Elias S Bartlett account

Eber Clough "

Gilman L Blake "

Elias M Carter	account	
David Garland	"	
David Allen	"	
Moses Mason	"	
Charles R Locke	"	
Charles R Locke	"	
Mighall Mason	"	
Moses Sweat	"	
G. Daniel	"	
Elbridge Chapman	"	
Thatcher York	"	
Mighall Mason	"	10.25
Mighall Mason	"	5.00
Mighall Mason	"	1.67

Voted that the Selectmen be autherized to notify the A & St L Rail Road company of the crossings in this Town and after as reasonable time after said notice is given to Said Company if they refuse or neglect to Repair said crossings

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then shall the Selectmen enforce the rights of the town The Selectmen shall also be required to notify the R R Co of the claim of Mr Andrew Grover and use these other descretion in enforcing said claim

Voted to allow five schollars pass extra to District No 12

the past year

Voted that all remaining accounts be left in the hands of
the Selectmen

th				st	
4	Made choice of	Alphin Twitchell	1	Selectman	
	"	"	"	d	
	"	"	"	Gilman L Blake	2 Selectman
	"	"	"	d	
	"	"	"	Amos Young	3 Selectman

and they were duly sworn into office by the Town Clerk
according to law in open Town meeting

th					
5	Made choice of	Alphin Twitchell		assessors	
		Gilman L Blake		and	
		Amos Young		overseers of the Poor	

th					
6	Made choice of	Charles Mason		Town Treasurer	
th					
7	"	"	"	Almon Twitchell	Town Agent
th					
8	"	"	"	Elias S Bartlett	Sup School Committee
th					

9	Voted that the collection of Taxes be put up at	
	auction to the lowest Bidder and they were struck of(f)	
	to Mighall Mason for one and a half cents on the dollar	
th		
10	Chose Mighall Mason Collector of Taxes and he	
	presented as his bondsmen Eli Foster Elias S Bartlett &	
	Moses I Cross and Moses A Mason	

They were accepted as such

Voted that the other officers be chosen by hand ballot

Voted that we pass from the 11th article to things which
is to hear the report of the Supenting School Committee

- Rev David Garland then came forward and made said
report and the report was accordingly accepted and a

copy requested for publication

th

11	made choice of	John Hamble	Constable
	"	"	"
	"	Gilman Chapman	"
	"	"	"
	"	Phineas Frost	"
	"	"	"
	"	Mighall Mason	"

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th
12 Made choice of the following persons as Highway
Surveyors and all with this mark # were duly sworn by
the Town Clerk
#Elias M Carter #John C Stearns Alfred Estes Benj
Bartlett Stephen Estes Elijah Brown #Moses Houghton
#N M Etheredge #Timothy Hastings #Spencer L Bartlett
#S H Chapman #Ephram Bryant A P Blake #Eli Foster
#Jacob L Kimball Cyrus Mills Jr #Z H Bean Luther P.
Holt #Joseph E Goud Samuel Swan Jr Nath¹ Stiles John
D Hastings Abial Chandler Richard Estes^{2d} Silas
Grover Casper I Russell David Sanborn #Lewis A
Sanborn

th
13 Voted that the highway surveyors be field drivers and
fence Viewers

th
14 Voted that the several School Districts choose their
own agents

th
15 Choose James Walker and A J Grover to be Tythingmen
Choose Timothy Air Abram Bryant
Freeland Bartlett Simeon Stearns
Eli Twitchell Simeon Brown

Elias Brown Cyrus M Harden
 as Sextons
 16th Chose James Walker Pinkney Burnham
 A. C. Gerriot & A J Grover as
 Surveyors of Lumber
 17th Chose D F Brown Sealer of Leather
 Chose A J Grover Charles Crosby E C Bean and
 A M Merrill Surveyors of Wood & Bark
 18th Voted that the Selectmen be pound Keepers and that
 they yards be pounds
 20 Voted to Raise Nine Hundred dollars to defray town
 charges
 21st Voted to raise three thousand dollars to repair High
 Ways

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22^d Voted to raise the amount rerquired by Law for the
 Support of Schools
 23^d Voted that Elias M Carter be autursed to give Joseph
 Cummings a deed when he has paid the town what he justly
 owes them
 24th that a part of Milton Plantation District be allowed
 to become anexed to District No 19 in Bethel
 25th Voted that the report of the Selectmen be accepted
 in regard to the petition of J. D. Gosson and others for
 a road

th
26 Voted that the Town Road be opened from Hiram
Young's House to Joseph A Twitchells
Voted to adjourn with out day

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

th
West Bethel March 7 1855

To confirm that Alfred J Grover appeared and took the oath
proscribed by Law as Surveyor of Wook & Bark Before me

John B. Mason Justice of Peace

a true Copy attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Oxford ss on this first day of December A D 1855 Personly
appeared Elias M Carter of Bethel in the County of Oxford
before me a Justice of the Peace within and for Said county
and Made oath that he would faithfully and impartially
perform the duties required by Law of the Superenting
committee for the Town of Bethel in Said county

Richard A Frye Justice of the Peace

A true copy of the original on file

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

To Mighall Mason a constable of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting

Where as application has been made to the Selectmen of Said Town of Bethel by Joseph A Twitchell and fourteen other legal voters in Said Town to call a meeting of the inhabitants of Said Town to act upon the articles herein after numbered

In the name of the State of Maine You are here by required to notify and warn all persons qualified by Law to vote at Said meetings to assemble at the Town House Said on the ninth day of June next AD 1855 at four Oclock in the afternoon to Act on the following articles Viz

- 1st To choose a Moderator to govern Said meeting
- 2nd To See if the Town will open & Build the above or any part of the county road located by the county commissioners in May AD 1855 commencing near the dwelling House of Hiram Young on Bethel Hill, Running past the dwelling House of Zenas Thompson Joseph A Twitchell and Moses Russell to the Town line between Bethel and Greenwood
- 3^d To See how much money the Town will Raise to be expended in opening and building Said road
- 4th To See if the Town will discontinue the part of the Town road leading from the county road near the said Hiram Young dwelling House to the dwelling House of Moses M

Russell afore said that passed over the house of the
said Hiram Youngs Given under our Hands at Bethel
this 30th day of May AD 1855

Alphin Twitchell	{	Selectmen
Amos Young		of
		Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within to me directed I
have notified and warned the inhabitants

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of Bethel qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to meet
at the time and place and for the purposes within mentioned
by posting up three copies of the within in public and
conspicuous places in said Town Viz. one on the Free Meeting
House out side door, one on the free meeting House near Col
Ball Bartletts and one on the meeting House on Bethel Hill
they being the same places that the Town voted to have them
put at the last vote taken on the subject. All being posted
up at least Seven days before the time of said meeting

^d
Bethel June 2 AD 1855

Mighill Mason	{	Constable
		of
		Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and
return therein

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

June 9. 1855

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein mentioned met at the Time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by the Town Clerk, proceeded to business of the meeting as follows Viz.

- 1st Choose O N W Robinson for Moderator and he was duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk
- 2^d Voted that the Selectmen be authorized and directed to open so much of the road laid out by the county commissioners in May 1854 as lies between the county road and Hiram Youngs dwelling House and the dwelling House now owned by Moses Russell
- 3^d Voted to raise one hundred dollars to build same road to be opened under the direction of the Selectmen.

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- 4th Voted that so much of the Town road as passes over Hiram Youngs land be discontinued

Voted to adjourn with out day

O N W Robinson { Moderator

Recorded by

Benj. Freeman - Town Clerk

To Mighill Mason Constable of the town of Bethel

Greeting

You are required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitnats of Said Town of Bethel qualified as the constitution requires to assemble at the Town house in Said Bethel on Monday the tenth day of September AD 1855 at Eleven of the O'clock AM to give in their votes for Govenor Senators and Representatives to Represent them in the Legislative of this State and also to give in their Votes at the Same time and place for Clerk of the Courts, County Attorney, County Commissioners and County Treasurer for the County of Oxford and also to give in their Votes on the question "Shall the constitution be amended as proposed by a resvloer of the Legislature providing that Judges of Probate Registor of Probate Sheriffs and Minicipal and Police Judges Shall be chosen by the people and also providing that the Said Agent Attorney General and Adjutant General Shall be chosen by the Legislature as the Secratory of State , State Treasure and Councilars now are"

The Selectmen will be in Session at the Town House on Monday the tenth day of September at nine O'clock AM for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Given under our hands at Bethel this first day of September Eighteen hundred and fifty five

Alphin Twitchell } Selectmen
Gilman L. Blake } of

Amos Young

Bethel

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Oxford ss September 3^d 1855 Pursuant to the within
Warrent to me directed I have warned and notified the
inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified as there in
expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the
purpose therein mentioned by posting of one attested copy of
Said Warent Viz.. in three public and conspecuous places to
with one on the free Meeting House near Ball Bartletts one
on the meeting House near Charles R Locke and one on the
Meeting House on Bethel Hill on the third day of September
1855 it being seven days before Said meeting

Mighill Mason

Constable
of
Bethel

The above and foregoing is a true copy of the original
warant and return thereon

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

September 10th 1855 Pursuant to the foregoing Warent the
inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein mentioned met at
the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by
the chairman of the Selectmen they gave in their votes for
the Several officers in said warant mentioned as follows:

The whole number of ballots gave in was four hundred and

Sixty six

466

The several officers voted for received the number of
Votes as found, viz.

For Governor

Anson P Merrill had two hundred thirty two	232
Samuel Wills had two hundred twenty Six	226
Isaac Reed had Eight	8

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For Senators

John Munroe had two hundred thirty six	236
Calvin Fanses had two hundred thirty six	236
O'Neil W. Robinson had two hundred thirty	230
Caleb P Holland had two hundred thirty	230

For County Commissoners

Jacob L Powers had two hundred thirty six	236
Cyrus Ingalls had two hundred twenty Eight	228

For County Attonry

William W Botsles had two hundred thirty six	236
Sullivan C Andrew had two hundred thirty one	231

For Clerk ofCourts

Elish Winter had two hundred thirty six	236
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Aloah Black two hundred thirty 230

For County Treasurer

Thomas H Brown had two hundred thirty six 236

Mark P Smith had two hundred thirty one 231

For Representative to the Legislature

Thomas J Swan of Newery had two hundred thirty Eight 238

Orman Foster of Newery had two hundred thirty 230

The fore going Record was made by

Benj. Freeman Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason a Constable of the Town of Bethel in the
county of Oxford - Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine. You are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitnats of Said Bethel
qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
Town House in Bethel on Monday the tenth day of September AD
1855 at ten O'clock in the forenoon to act on the following
articles to wit -----

Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside at Said Meeting

Article 2^d To raise money to build road leading from the
county Road near John Russells to Henry Jordens.

Article 3^d To raise money to repair road leading from
Bethel Hill past James Grovers to Greenwood line
th

Article 4 To accept road as laid out by the Selectmen on
petition of Nelson Mills and others

th
Article 5 To choose an agent of Said Bethel to act with
Special referrence to road on Swans Hill as
reported by county comssioners AD 1855

Given under our hands this thirteenth day of August
AD 1855

Alphin Twitchell	{	Selectmen
Gilman L Blake		of
Amos Young		Bethel

Oxford ss

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified
and warned the inhabitants of Bethel qualified by Law to
vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town house in Said
Bethel on the day and time and for the purposes within
named by posting

up

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up three attested copies of the within in three public and
conspicuous places to wit - one copy on the out Side door of
the Free meeting House near Col Ball Bartletts, one on the
out Side door of the meeting house near Charles R Locke's
and one on the outside door of the meeting House on Bethel
Hill being the Same places that the Town voted to have them

put, all these being posted up Seven days before Said
meeting

Mighill Mason

Constable
of
Bethel

The fore going is a true copy of the original Warent and
return thereon

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Sept 10. 1855. Pursuant to the foregoing Warent the inhab-
itants of Bethel qualified by Law as therein mentioned met
at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned
and the meeting being opened by The Town Clerk preceeded to
buisness as follows Viz

Art 1st Choose S F Gibson Moderator and he was sworn into
office by The Town Clerk

Ar 2^d Voted that article 2^d be left in the hands of the
Selectmen

Art 3^d Voted that the Selectmen be autherzed to go on and
Review the road leading from Greenwood line to the House
formally ocupied by W^m Frye and after they have expended
all the money now in the hands of the Highway surveyor
of Said District to appropriate such further sum out of
the Town funds as shall be sufficent to put Said road in
good state of repair

Art 4th Voted that the report of Selectmen in reference to
Article 4th be accepted over

Said report is as follows Viz

The subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Nelson Mills and others to lay out a Town way in Said Town begining at the East line of the Town of Mason and ending at the county road leading from Masons Mill to Albany having given seven days notice of our intention to lay out the same and stated in Said notice the temini thereof by posting said notice in three public places in Said Town and in the Vicinity of the proposed road to wit one at the Store of Chapman & Bean one at the Store of R A Chpaman and one at the temini of Said Road in Said town on the thirteenth day of August last and having met at the time and place appointed and for that purposes and having personly examined the road proposed and of opinion that there is occaision for a town way for the use of Said town as proposed

We therefore lay out Said way as follows. -----

begining at a Post standing on the line between Bethel and Mason about two Rods west of the Stream running from Said Mason to Bethel though Land owned by Nelson Mills and thence running north nine degrees East thirteen rods to a stake.
thence North five degrees. West fifteen rods to a stake.
thence North nine degrees. West twenty four rods to a stake.
thence North seventeen degrees. West one hundred and twenty four to the county road leading from Masons Mills to Albany the line discribed to be the middle of the Highway and the

Highway to be three rods wide and we allow the Several
owners respectively over which the Said road passes ten
months to take of(f) the buildings standing on Said Land and
to remove the fence which Said laying out with the boun-
deries and admeasurements have been filed with the town
Clerk on the third day of September being Seven days before
this meeting and all now up

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hereby report such laying out with the bounderies and admea-
surements of the same to Said Town at the meeting of the
inhabitants regularly warned and notifed for them to accept
and allow the same

Given under our hands this sixth day of
September AD 1855

Alphin Twitchell	Selectmen
Gilman L Blake	
	of
	Bethel

th
Article 5 Chose O'N W Robinson Jr Special Agent to
petition Supreme Judical Court for a writ of certeorani
to quash proceeding & had by the county commessioners on
a road in Bethel known as the Joseph Holt road on Swans
Hill in said Bethel

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

Annual Town Meeting

Monday March 3. 1856

To Mighill Mason Constable of the Town of Bethel in the
county of Oxford Greeting.

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Said Town of
Bethel qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble
at the Town house in Said Bethel on Monday the third day of
March next at ten O'clock in the fore noon to Act on the
following articles to wit.

- Article 1st To choose a Moderator to preside in Said
Meeting
d
" 2 " " Clerk for the ensuing year
d
" 3 " Hear the report of the Selectmen for the
past year
" 4 " choose three or more Selectmen
" 5 " " Assessors and overseers of the Poor
" 6 " " a Town Treasurer
" 7 " " " Agent
" 8 " " one Supertending School Committee
" 9 " fill Vacancey in School Committee
" 10 " hear report of School Committee
" 11 " receive and allow accounts
" 12 " raise money to defray town charges
" 13 " raise Money to repair highways & Bridges

Article 14 To raise Money for the support of Schools

" 15 " dispose of the collection of Taxes

" 16 " Choose a collector of Taxes

" 17 " " Constables

" 18 " " Commettee to audit accounts

" 19 " See if the Town will authize the Selectmen
to divide the highway district on Bethel
Hill and appoint Surveyors

" 20 " Choose highway Surveyors or Comessioners

" 21 " See if the town will authorize their Sur-
veyors to collect all Such Highway taxes as
shall mot be paid in labor or otherwise in
the time prescribed by Law Page 137. Sec 20

" 22 " Choose field drivers & fence Viewers

" 23 " " School district Agents

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Article 24 To choose Tythingmen and Sextons

" 25 " " Surveyors of Lumber Wood and Bark

" 26 " " Sealers of Leather,Weights and
Measure

" 27 " " all other town officers

" 28 " See if the town will accept a list of
Jurions as reported by Selectmen Town Clerk
& treasurer

- " 29 " See if the town will set off Clement Sevey,
 - - - Josiah Heath Nelson Mills, Cyrus Mills,
 - - - Cyrus Mills, Jr. and Tilton B Heath from
 - - - District No 25, and Elijah G Harden and
 - - - Leanard Whitman from district No 24 into a
 - - - separte school district
- " 30 " See what course the Town will direct with
 - - regard to notifying future meetings
- " 31 " See if the town will open the Road as layed
 - - out by the county commissernors in 1854
 - - leading from Hiram Youngs to Greenwood line
- Article 32 To transact any other business that may
 legally come before the meeting

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be
 in Session at the town House in Bethel on Monday March 3^d at
 9 Oclock in the forenoon for the purpose of revising and
 correcting the list of voters

Given under our hands this 21st day of Feby.
 1856.

Alphin Twitchell	}	Selectmen
Gilman l Blake		of
Amos Young		Bethel

Oxford ss

Bethel March 3 1856

By virtue of the within to me directed I have notified and
 warned the Inhabitants of Bethel qualified by law to vote in

Town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purposes within named by posting three attested copies of the within in the following places to wit. One copy on the out side door of the free meeting house near

over

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Eli Swans, one copy on the out side door of the Meeting house near Timothy Hastings and one copy on the out Side door of the meeting house on Bethel Hill being three public places in Said town of Behtel and the same places the town voted to have them post the last vote they took on the premeses.

Mighill Mason

{ Constable
of
Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warrant and the return thereon

Attest

BenJ Freeman Town Clerk

^d
March 3 1856

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel, legally qulified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place therein specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk preceeded to business as fellows

1. Choose Elias M Carter Moderator and he was duly sworn
into office by the Town Clerk

d
2 Choose Benj Freeman Town Clerk and he was duly Sworn
into office by the Moderator

d
3 Heard the report of the selectmen and Voted to accept
same report

th
4 Choose Elias S. Bartlett first Selectman

" Clark S. Edwards Second Selectman

" Timothy H Chapman third Selectman

th
5 Choose Elias S Bartlett

C S Edwards

Assessors.

T, H. Chapman

and they were duly sworn into office as Selectmen and
Assessors by the Moderator

Voted to pass over choosing overseers of the poor

th
6 Choose Charles Mason Treasurer

th
7 " Eben Eames Town Agent

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th
Article 8 Choose David Garland School Committee for long
term and he was duly sworn by Town Clerk

th
" 9 Choose E M Carter School Committee to fill
Vacancy and he was duly Sworn by the Clerk

th
" 10 Rev. David Garland made the report for the
Superentending School committee (See report
number 73)

Article 11	Elias S Bartlett	account	allowed	\$17.00
	Alphin Twitchell	"	"	13.92
	Gilman L Blake	"	"	30.50
	Charles Mason	"	"	6.50
	Elbridge Chapman	"	"	6.00
	Amos Young	"	"	13.00
	David Garland	"	"	30.00
	Mighill Mason	"	"	6.30
	G Chapman	"	"	1.50
	E M Carter	"	"	8.50
	Alman Twitchell	"	"	3.00
	Williams Potter account left in the hand of			
	Town Agent			\$10.00
	Andrew Groves account left in the hands of the			
	Town Agent			\$50.00
12 th	Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars to defray			
	town charges			
13 th	Voted to raise two thousand dollars to repair			
	Highways and Bridges			
14 th	Voted to raise what money the law allows for			
	the support of Schools			
15 th	Voted that the Taxes be put up at the lowest			
	bidder and was struck off to Benj Freeman at 9			
	Mills on a dollar			
	Voted that all other officers be Elected by			
	hand ballots			
16 th	Choose Benj Freeman Collector of Taxes and he			

subsequently presented as bondsmen R. A.
Chapman. I. G. Kimball Eben Eames - Almond
Twitchell Charles Mason and Charles R Locke
which were accepted by the Town

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Article 17 Choose Benj Freeman. Mighill Mason and John
Garland - Constables
18 Voted to pass over this article
19 Voted to pass this article
Voted to reconsider the vote taken to pass
over article 19th
Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee
on accounts subject to a vote of the Town -
and
Almon Twitchell
Charles R. Locke
O N W Robinson Jr were chosen such committee
20th Chose #C S Edwards - Isaac C Cross #Francis
Barker #Gilman Daniels #Benj. B. Bartlett -
#Isaac Estes - #E. S. Bartlett Benj Estes,
#Moses Chandler - #Hezekial Moody - #William K
Fogg. John Y Swan #Ephraim Bryant #Gilman L
Blake Curatio T Bartlett #Eli Foster
#James S Estes George W Grover - C. C. Bean -
A. D. Hart Hiram Twitchell John Needham I.

S. Bryant - Telton Bennett #Peter Kimball -
 Peter Estes - Joshua Chase - Baxter A Lyon -
 #Timothy A Capon #B. B. Farewell - Tyler p
 Town. Lyman Bird. and such as an marked thus
 # came forward and were duly Sworn into office
 in open town meeting by the Moderator
 st
 21 Voted to authurzed the Selectmen to levey and
 collect all Taxes not worked out on the High-
 way
 d
 22 Voted that the Selectmen be Field drivers and
 Fence Viewers and Pound Keepers
 d
 23 Voted to pass over article 23 and take up
 th
 article 29

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Article 29. Voted that the signers of petitions in Dis-
 trict No 24 and No 25 be granted agreeable to
 their petition.
 d
 23 Voted that each District choose its own agent
 24 Voted that Emery G Gerry be Tythingman
 Voted that Leander T Barker be Tythingman
 Voted that A M Merrill to Tythingman
 Choose Timothy Air - A B Bryant - Freeland
 Bartlett Eli Twitchell - Benj M Clerk Simeon
 Brown - Hiram Hodgdon as Sextons
 Mighill Mason came forward and was duly Sworn

into office of Constable by the Moderator in
open town meeting

25 Choose #Joseph B Hammond

#A. H. Gerrish

Charles Crosby

#William Gerrish Jr

#Joseph A Twitchell

Jonathan Abbot

Pinkney Burnham

Moses Coryhton

Edward Chapman as Surveyors of Wood

Lumber & Bark and these Marked thus # were
sworn into Office by Town Clerk

26 Choose D F Brown as Sealer of Leather

27 Voted that the Selectmen be pound Keepers

28 Voted to accept the list of Juniors as
prepared by the Town Clerk Town Treasurer &
Selectmen

30 Voted that notices to warn future Town
meetings be posted on the Congregational
meeting house on Bethel Hill and on the free
meeting house near Beans Corner until other
wise ordered by the town

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Article 31. Voted that the road leading from Hiram Youngs

to Greenwood line be opened up far as the
money in the hands of the Surveyors will build
it

Voted that Mighill Mason asc as paid the
expenses on munny sent to Augusta be not
allowed

The Selectmen came forward and were sworn as
fence viewers Field drivers and Pound Keepers
by the Moderator in open Town meeting

32 Voted to adjoud with out day

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

This certifies that Albert J Grover appenand and took the
oath prescribed by law as Surveyor of Wood and Bark

Before me John B Mason Justice of the Peace

Oxford ss

d

March 22 1856 Personally appeared David Garland and
took the oath required by law to qualify him to discharge
the duties of Superentending School committee before me

Elias M Carter Justice of the Peace

d

Bethel April 23 1856. This certifies that Benj Freeman
personally appeared this day and took the oath as
required by law to qualify him to discharge the duties
of Constable and Collector of Said taxes of Bethel

Before me

Rot Tyler

Justice of
the Peace

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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Notice - Town Meeting June 28. 1856

To Benj Freeman a Constable of the town of Bethel in the
County of Oxford. Greetings

In the name of the state of Maine You are hereby required
to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of
Bethel qualified by law to vote town affairs to asswemble at
the Town house in said Town on Saturday the 28th day of June
instant at one Oclock in the after noon to act on the
following articles to wit.

First To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting

Second To See if the Town will vote to repair the Emerson
hill near Bear River Bridge

Third To See if the Town will raise money to repair the
same

Given under our hands at Bethel this 24th day of
June A D 1856

Elias S Bartlett

C. S. Edwards

Selectmen
of

T. H. Chapman

Bethel

Oxford ss

Bethel June 28. 1856. Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have warned and notified the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for purposes therein named by posting two attested copies of Said warrant viz one on the congregational meeting house on Bethel Hill and one on the meeting house near Beans Corner they being two places the voted to have them put the last vote taken on the same and seven days before stated day of meeting

Attest

Benj Freeman

Constable
of
Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warrant and the return thereon

Attest

Benj Freeman -- Town Clerk

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June 28. 1856 Agreeable to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in Town affairs met at the time and place appointed and for the purposes therein specified. The meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to business as follows
Viz

First made choose of Leander Jewett as Moderator and he was duly Sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open town meeting

Second Voted to instruct the Town Agent to notify the county commissioners. That the town will comply with their request in regard to cutting down the Emerson Hill so called

Third Voted to pass over this article
Voted that the meeting be now desolved

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by

Benj Freeman - Town Clerk

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Anual Town Meeting 1856

To Benjamin Freeman a Constable of the Town of Bethel.

Greeting --- You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the town house in said Bethel on Monday the eighth day of September AD 1856 at eleven of the Oclock A M to give in their votes for Govener, Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State and also to give in their votes at the said town and place for Judge of Probate, Register of Probate - shieff - County Commissinor and County Treasurer

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town house on Monday the Eighth day of September at Nine oclock A M for the purpose of correcting the list of Voters

Given under our hands at Bethel this the twenty ninth day of August Eighteen hundred and fifty six

Elias S Bartlett	}	Selectmen
C. S. Edwards		of
T. H. Chapman		Bethel

Oxford ss Bethel Sept 8. 1856 Pursuant to the within Warent to me directed I have warned and notified the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at the time and place and for the purposes therein mentioned by posting up t(w)o attested copies of said warent - Viz. one on the Congregational meeting House on Bethel Hill and one on the meeting House near Bean's Corner - they being the two places the town voted to have them put the last vote taken in the same and at least seven dys before the day of said meeting

Attest

Benj Freeman Costable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warent and the return thereon

Attest Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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September 8th 1856. Pursuant to the foregoing warent the

inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein mentioned met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being legally opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen they proceeded to give in there Votes for the several officers Viz

The whole number of ballotts given in was five hundred and Eleven 511

The Several officers voted for required the number of votes severally set aganist their names as follows Viz

For Governor

Hannibal Hamlin had three hundred ten votes	310
Samuel Wells had one hundred ninety five votes	195
George F Patten had six votes	6

Rep to Congress

Charles J Gilman had three hundred Seventeen votes	317
Olive F. Pilsbury had one hundred ninety Seven votes	197

State Senator

Enoch W Woodbury had three hundred Sixteen Votes	316
Almon Twitchell had three hundred nineteen Votes	319
O'Neil W Robinson had one hundred ninety Seven Votes	197
Isaac Strickland had one hundred ninety five Votes	195

Judge of Probate

Thomas K Brown had three hundred Sixteen Votes	316
Isaac Raudall had one hundred ninety Eight Votes	198

Regester of Probate

David Knapp had three hundred thirteen Votes	313
Sanuel R Carter had one hundred ninety Eight Votes	198

Sheriff

Moses D White had three hundred sixteen Votes	316
Calvin Gardner had one hundred ninety Eight	198

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County Commessieners

John Bellarrow had three hundred Sixteen Votes	316
William Saunderson had one hundred ninety Eight Votes	198

County Treasurer

Joseph Barrows had three hundred Sixteen Votes	316
Mark P Smith had one hundred ninety Eight Votes	198

Representative to the Legislature

Ira C. Kimball had three hundred twenty Votes	320
James M Brown had one hundred ninety four Votes	194

Recorded by

Benj Freeman - Town Clerk

----- Presedential Election 1856 -----

To Mighill Mason one of the constables of the town of
Bethel in the county of Oxford. Greetings-----

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhab-
itants of the town of Bethel qualified according to law to
assemble at the town House in Said Bethel on Tuesday the
fourth day of November next at ten O'clock in the A. M. to
give in their Votes for eight Electors for President and
Vice President of the United States

Given under our hands this this twenty Eighth day of
October A D 1856

E. S. Bartlett	{	Selectmen
C. S. Edwards		of
T. H. Chapman		Bethel

Oxford ss. Nov 4. 1856. Pursuant to the within Warent to
me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of
Said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at
the time and place and for the purposes therein

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mentioned by posting up one attested copy of Said Warent on
the free meeting house near Eli Swans and one the meeting
house on Bethl Hill being two public and conspicuous places
in Said town on the twenty Eighth day of Oct being Seven
days before said meeting

Mighill Mason - Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original Warent and the

return thereon

Attest

BenJ Freeman - Town Clerk

Bethel Nov 4. 1856

Pursuant to the foregoing Warent the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein required met at the time and place appointed and the meeting being opened by the Chairman of the Selectmen, they gave in their votes for Eight Electors of President and Vice President of the United States as follows viz

Whole number of Ballots given in was four hundred	
Eighty nine	489
Noah Smith Jr had three hundred ten	310
Sidney Perham had three hundred ten	310
James Morton had three hundred ten	310
Isaac Goss had three hundred ten	310
Knott Crockett had three hundred ten	310
Edward Swan had three hundred ten	310
Moses H. Pike had three hundred ten	310
Aaron P Eamerson had three hundred ten	310
William P Haines had one hundred Seventy nine	179
Joshua A Jawell had one hundred seventy nine	179
Moses Swett had one hundred seventy nine	179
Alfred J Stone had one hundred seventy nine	179
Manassa H Smith had one hundred seventy nine	179

Andrew Martin had one hundred seventy nine	179
Joseph Eatin had one hundred seventy nine	179
John T Nalie had one hundred seventy nine	179

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The foregoing count truly and faithfully made as the Votes
were given in

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

To the Hon. Court of county Commisisoners for the
County of Oxford to be holden at Paris within and for the
county of Oxford on the second Tuesday of May A D 1854

Respectfully shows that a town way or a lane leading
to Joseph Holts seventy eight rods from the county road to
land of Edward Coad in the town of Bethel would be of great
public convencience; that the Selectmen of said Town, after
notice and warning of the parties have laid out High way and
reported the same to the town at a public meeting of the
inhabitants duly notified and warned; but the town has
unreasonably refused and delayed to allow civil approval
said town way laid out by the selectmen afore said and to
put the Same on record: Therefore your petitions con-
sidering themseleves agreeded by such delay and refusal pray
that your Honor would agreeable to law in such case made and
provided accept and approve Said town way and direct the

same to be recorded in the Books of Said Town

2d

(Signed) Nathaialan Swan & 6 others.

State of Maine

Oxford ss At the May term of the court of County Commissioners holden by adjournment at Paris in and for the county of Oxford on the twenty fifth day of Jyuly A D 1854

Upon the foregoing petition Satisfactory eveidence having been recieved that the petition are desporsible and that inquiry into the minutes of their application is expedient. It is ordered that the county commissioners meet at the dwelling House of John Swan in Bethel

over

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on Thursday the twenty first day of September next at ten of the Oclock A. M. and thence proceed to review the rout mentioned in Said petition imanedeably after which review a hearing of the parties and witnesses will be had at same convenient place in the Vicenity and Such other measures taken in the premeses as the commissoners shall judge proper and it is further ordered that notice of the time place and purposes of the commissoners meeting aforesaid be given to all person and corportations interested by causing attested copies of Said petition and of this order thereon to be Served upon the Clerk of the town of Bethel and also posted

up in three public places in said town and published three weeks Successively in the norway Advertiser a newspaper printed at Norway in said county of Oxford: The first of Said publications and each of the other notices to be made several and posted at least thirty days before Said time of meeting to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and show cause if any they have why the pryers of Said petitioners should not be granted Attest Elisha Winter Clerk

A true copy of Said petition and order of court

Attest Elisha Winter Clerk

A true Copy

Attest Benj Freeman Town Clerk of Bethel


Pursuant to the foregoing Petition of Nathaniel Swan ^d 2 and six others and order of court thereon We the county commissioners for the county of Oxford met the parties at the time and place and for the purpose desiznated in Said order and it being then and there Satisfactorily proved to us that all the notices named in said order had been duly and reasonably published served and posted and that all the requirments thereof had been fully complied with

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We there open proceeded with the parties and viewed the route prayed for in said petition, and other routes and

roads connected therewith and immediately after such view at a convenient place in vicinity of said route we gave a hearing to the parties and their witnesses And after a full hearing of all the facts testimony and arguments by them presented and having maturely considered the same we were of opinion and adjudged and do hereby adjudged and determine that commerce Convenience and necessity do require the location and establishing of a town way set forth in said petition and do approve and allow of the town as laid out by the aforesaid. A copy of whose report is here into annexed and do hereby direct said Laying out and acceptance to be recorded by the Town Clerk of Said town of Bethel and it is further ordered that the town of Bethel pay into the County Treasurer the sum of forty one dollars and sixty cents in thirty days from this date, it being all the expenses incurred by said county by reason of said petition

Given under our hands this Seventh day of May A D
1855

John H Spring		Commissioners
James Brown		of the
America Bartlett		County of Oxford

A true Copy of the commissioners report

Attest Benj Freeman

Town Clerk of Bethel

The Subscribers Selectmen of Bethel upon the application of Alphus Swan and others to lay out a town way in

Said Town begining near John Williams and ending near Stephen Needhams house having given Seven days notice of our intention to lay out the same and Stated in Said notice the temini therteof

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by posting up said notice in two public places in said Town and in the vicinity of the porposed route to wit at the shop of Charles E Swan and at the school house near Jonathan Abbotts in said town and having met at the time and place appointed for that purpose and having personally examined the route proposed are of the opinion that there is occai- sion for a part of the proposed Town way for use of said town - We therefore lay out Said way as follows --

Beginning on the lane leading to Joseph Holts Seventy eight rods from the county road thence South fifty six degrees. East five rods on land occupied by Wm Holt thence on the same degree twenty three rods to a spruce tree - thence South thirty seven degrees. East twenty nine degrees - East eighteen rods to a post in the said fence on land of Joseph Holts, thence south thirty nine degrees. East fifty eight rods to a stake by side of the road as now travelled from John Garlands to John S Swans thence due East Eighty five rods on land of John Garland. Thence on the same degree thirty six rods: Thence [] seventy five degrees east ten rods on land of Humphy Bean thence on the same degree sixty

two rods thence south seventy one degrees East forty rods
near the House of Timothy Bean. Thence south sixty six
degrees. East fifty rods to east line of Timothy Beans land
all on land of Said T Bean: thence south forty six degrees.
East thirty eight rods on loand of Edmund Beans. thence on
same degree twenty two rods to the road leading to Kimball
Beans on land of Edward Coads the line discribed to be the
middle of the highway and the Highway to be three rods wide:
and we award

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to the owners of the land over which the road passes for
their damages as follows to wit: to the said Joseph Holt
\$125.00. to the said John Garland \$50.00 and to the said
Edward Coad \$25.00 to be paid by said town respectively
which such laying out with the boundaries and admeasurments
have been filed with the town clerk on the third day of
September inst. being seven days before this meeting and we
now hereby report Such laying out with the bounderies and
admeasurements of the same to said town at the meeting of
the inhabitants regularly warned and notified for them to
accept and allow the same

Given under our hands this third day of September A D 1853

Elias S Bartlett

Eben Clough

Selectmen

of

Bethel

PLEASE RETURN TO THE
Bethel Historical Society
BETHEL, MAINE 04217

A true copy of the report of county commissioners

Attest

Elisha Winter Clerk

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk of Bethel

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Annual Town Meeting

March ^d 2 1857

To Benjamin Freeman one of the Constables of the town of
Bethel in the county of Oxford Greeting: In the name of
the State of Maine You are hereby required to notify and
warn the inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law
to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town house in
said Town on Monday Second day of March next at ten O'clock
in the forenoon to act upon the following articles to wit:

- 1th To choose a Moderator to preside in Said meeting
- 2^d To choose a Town clerk for the ensuing year
- 3^d To choose three or more Selectmen
- 4th To choose assessors and over seers of the Poor
- 5th To choose a Town Treasurer
- 6th To choose a Town Agent
- 7th To choose one superintending School Committee
- 8th To dispose of the collecting of Taxes
- 9th To choose Collector of Collectors
- 10th To choose a Constable or Constables

11 To choose highway Surveyors or Commisssoners
 12th To choose Field drivers and Fence viewers
 13th To choose School District Agents
 14th To choose Tythingmen and Sextons
 15th To choose Surveyors of Lumber
 16 To choose Sealers of Leather and Measurers of Wood &
 Bark
 17th To choose three or More Auditors and all other nec-
 cessary Town Officers.
 18th To hear the report of the Selectmen
 19th To hear the report of Supertending School Committee.
 20th To hear the report of the Auditors and recieve and
 allow Accounts
 21st To raise money to repair highways
 22^d To raise money todegray town charges
 23^d To raise money for the Support of Schools
 24th To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the road
 leading from Isaac Estes to the town road near the
 Ory farm on petition of Samuel Bird and others

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25th To see what action the town will take in relation to
 the road leading over the Williamson Hill so called
 as laid out by the Selectmen
 26th To see what action the town will take in relation to
 the new county road leading from Hiram Youngs House

- by Joseph A Twitchells house to Greenwood line
- 27 To See if the Town will accept of a private way as
laid out by the Selectmen from land owned by Moses
Pattee across land owned by Robert A Chapman to the
county road leading from Bethel Hill to the depot
near the House now occupied by E A Buck damages to
be paid by Moses Pattee
- th
28 To See what action the Town will take in regard to
leveling down the Emerson Hill
- th
29 To See if the Town will build a Pound or Pounds
- th
30 To See if the Town will allow neat cattle to run at
large
- st
31 To transact any other buisness that may legally come
before the meeting

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in Session
for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of
voters at the town House at nine O'clock in forenoon on the
day of Said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel the twenty first day of
Feby. A D 1857

Elias S Bartlett	}	Selectmen
Clark S Edwards		of
Timothy H. Chapman		Bethel

d
Oxford ss - Bethel March 2 1857

By virtue of the within Warent to me directed I have
warned and notified the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified

as therein expressed by posting up two attested copies of
Said warrant in two public and conspicuous places in Said
Town viz - one on the congregation meeting

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House on Bethel Hill and one on the Free meeting House near
Beans Corner they being the two places the town voted to
have them put the last vote taken on the Same and Seven days
before the day of said meeting

Attest

Benj Freeman



Constable

of

Bethel

A true copy of the original warrant and the return thereon

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk of Bethel

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Said
Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the
time and place therein Specified and the meeting having been
duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to business as
follows Viz ----

st

Art 1 Choose Elias M Carter moderator and he was duly
sworn into office by the town Clerk before entering
upon the duties of said office according to law

d

Art 2 Chose Benj Freeman Town Clerk and he was sworn into

office by the Moderator in open town meeting before entering upon the duties of said Office according to law

Voted to pass over Article 3^d and take up article 18th to hear the report of Selectmen. Report accepted

Art 3 Chose Elias S Bartlett, Clark S Edwards and Timothy H Chapman Selectmen and they were sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open Town meeting according to law

Art 4 Voted the Selectmen assessors and Overseers of the Poor and they were Sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open town meeting according to law

Art 5 Chose Charles Mason Town Treasurer and he was duly Sworn into office by the town Clerk

Art 6 Chose Elias M Carter Town Agent and he was sworn into office in open town meeting by the Clerk according to law

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7 Chose Elias M Carter Superentending School Committee and he was Sworn into office by the Town Clerk in open town meeting according to law

8 Voted that the Taxes be put up at the lowest bid and they were struck off to Benj Freeman for one cent on the dollar

- 9 Chose Benj Freeman Collector of taxes and he was
subsequnty Sworn into office by the Moderator in open
town meeting according to law
Voted to choose all other Town officers by hand ballot
- 10 Chose Benj Freemand - Gilman Chapman and Mighill Mason
Constables and they were Sworn into office by the
moderator in open town meeting according to law
- 11 Voted to choose Highway Surveyors and the folloowing
person were chosen

Almon Grover	#Samuel M Andrews
#Lewis A Sanborn	#Eli Foster
#Hiram Hodgdon	Isaac C Cross
Frances Barker	John Brown
Aaron Abbott	#Joseph Ripley
#Simeon Brown	Justis Bean
#Amis Young	Isaac Estes
J S Bryant	Charles Estes
Amos A Young	Cyrus Mills Jr
#Galon Blake	#Simeon W Sanborn
Simeon F Brown	Jonathan M Bartlett
S. R. Huchins	

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#Nathan W Ethridge	#Tinothy Bean
#Jacob T Kimball	Horatio Newall
Alphin Twitchell	Gilman D Smith

Benj B Bartlett

#John Chase

#John F Hapgood

Henry R Bartlett

Ira C Kimball

#John E Farwell

#Albert J Grover and those marked (#) thus were
sworn into office in open town meeting by the Town Clerk
according to law

12 Voted that the Highway Surveyors be field drivers and
fence viewer

13 Voted that School Districts choose their own Agents

14 Choose Moses Houghton. Stephen Holt² David F Brown

#Samuel J Mills and # Alpens Swan Tythingmen and those
marked thus (#) were sworn by the moderator in open town
meeting according to law

chose Freeland Bartlett --

#Timtohy Ayer

#Simeon Brown

#Benj M Clark

Eli Twitchell

Moses A Mason

Jonathan Abbott

#Abraham Bryant

Hiram Hodgdon

Nathan W Ethridge as Sextons and those marked thus
(#) were Sworn in open town meeting by the moderator
according to law

15 Chose Pinkney Burnham

Charles Mason

A. H. Gerrish

J B Hammond

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cont 15 chose S. J. Mills

William Gerrish Jr

Hosea Ripley

Edward H Chapman

Moses Houghton as Surveyors of Lumber and
those marked a (# thus) were Sworn by the moderator in
open town meeting according to law

16 Chose David F Brown as Sealer of Leather

17 Chose #Samuel J Mills

#A H Seraent

#Benj Freeman

E C Bean as measurers of Wood and bark and such
as are marked thus (#) were sworn into office by the
moderator in open town meeting according to law

18 Voted to pass over article 17th and take up article 20th
to recieve and allow accounts

The Audetors made this report which was accepted and the
following accounts allowed

	clamed		allowed
John M Swift afc	15 75	amount allowed	7 75
Elbridge Chapman	6 00	" "	6 00
Mighill Mason	1 50	" "	1 00

	clamed		allowed
David Garland	25 60	amount allowed	25 60
Elias M Carter	22 00	" "	22 00
Elias S Bartlett	16 00	" "	16 00
Mighill Mason	2 00	" "	2 00
Ebenezer Eames	5 00	" "	5 00
Elias S Bartlett	38 00	" "	38 00
C S Edwards	33 50	" "	33 50
T H Chapman	21 50	" "	21 50
R A Frye	15 60	" "	15 60
ON W Robinson Jr	1 00	" "	1 00
Almon Twitchill	1 00	" "	1 00
C R Lock	1 00	" "	1 00
Geo W Grover	2 75	" "	2 75
Jedediah Estes	4 98	" "	4 98

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19 Voted to allow the following accounts on highway taxes

Viz	\$	cts	
Moses Chandler afc	5	11	
Brien M Galley afc	7	12	
Tilton B Heath afc	10	50	with a right
to sell the same to other parties to be dispesed in the			
same way			

20 Voted that all accounts aganist the Town shall hereafter
pass into the hands of the Auditors for their approval

before they can be allowed and paid by the town

- 21 Chose O.N. W. Robinson Jr

Charles R Lock

Richard A Frye - Auditors and they were sworn
to the faithful discharge of their duties by the town
Clerk in open town meeting according to law

- 22 Supentending School committee made their report which
was accepted

- 23 Voted to instruct the Selectmen to put an article in the
warent next year in regard to School Books

- 24 Voted to raise twenty five hundred dollars to repair
Highways

- 25 Voted to raise Eight hundred dollars to defray town
charges

- 26 Voted to raise what the law allows for the support of
Schools

- 27 Voted to discontinue the road leading from Isaac Estes
to the town road near the Day farm as laid out in peti-
tion of Samuel Bird and others

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- 28 Voted to leave article 25th in the hands of the Select-
men - vote double and lost

- 29 Voted that the Selectmen be instructed to limit the Bethel Hill Highway district on the road from Hiram Youngs house to Greenwood line
- 30 Voted that the Selectmen expend one hundred twenty five dollars on the road from Hiram Youngs house to Greenwood line
- 31 Voted that 25th be left in the hands of the hands of Selectmen to be let out to the lowest bidder and to be built in a good substantial manner this is the road leading round Williamson Hill so called as laid out by the Selectmen
- 32 On a motion of Charles R Lock voted that an agent be appointed by the Moderator to superintend the leveling down the Eamerson Hill as set forth in Article 25th and the moderator appointed Charles R Locke
- 33 Benj Freeman presented as his bondsmen collector
- R A Chapman
- I. C. Kimball
- Eben Eames
- Almon Twitchell
- Charles R Lock
- Charles Mason and they were accpeted by the Town
- 34 Voted to pass over article 29th in regard to Pounds
- 35 Voted to pass over article 30 in regard to neat cattle
- 36 Voted that Gilman Chapman's yard be a Pound and that he

be pound keeper

37 Voted to adjourn without day

Elias M Carter Moderator

Recorded by Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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Voted to pass over article 27th In the warent for March
meeting was an article to accept of a private way as laid
out by the Selectmen and the above vote was taken taken to
pass over the article and omitted in the record

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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To Mighill Mason one of the Constables of Bethel in the
county of Oxford Greeting

You are hereby required in the name of the State of
Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of
Bethel qualified according to law to assemble at the Town
house in said

To Benjamin Freeman Constable of the town of Bethel and

County of Oxford and State of Maine Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the said Town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the Town house in said Town on Saturday the fourteenth day of March inst at one o'clock in the afternoon to act on the following articles to wit ----

- st
1 To Choose a moderator to preside in Said Meeting
- d
2 To see if the town will raise money to build the road leading over the Williamson Hill so called as laid out by the Selectmen
- d
3 To see if the Town will raise money to build the road leading from Hiram Youngs house to Greenwood line as laid out by the county commissoners
- th
4 To See if the town will raise money to grade down the Emerson hill so called
- th
5 To see what action the town will take in relation to the case of Samuel Ayer
- th
6 To See if the town will allow Lyman Bird to draw his School money from district No 14 and expend it in district No 10
- th
7 To transact any other buisness that may legally come before said meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this seventh day of
March A D 1857

Elias S Bartlett

Selectmen

Clark S Edwards

of

Timothy H Chapman

Bethel

Oxford ss. Bethel March 14th A D 1857

Pursuant to the within warent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of Said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at Said time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting up two attested copies of Said Warent to wit, one on the Congregational meeting house on Bethel Hill and one on the free meeting house near Beans Corner both places being public and conspicuous places in Said Town on the Seventh day of March being seven days before the Said meeting and the above places being those the town voted to have them put the last vote taken on the Same

Attest Benj Freeman Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true Copy of the warent and the return thereon

Attest

Benj Freeman -

Town Clerk

Bethel March 14th 1857

Pursuant to the foregoing warent the inhabitants of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs meet at the time and place therein I preified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to buisness as follows Viz

st
1 Chose Gilman L Blake moderator
d

- 2 Chose Leander Jewett Clerk pro tem pur
d
3 Voted to raise one hundred fifty dollars to be expended
on the road from Hiram Youngs to Greenwood line
th
4 Voted to raise one hundred and twenty five dollars to be
expended on the Emerson Hill so called
th
5 Voted that the town pay to E S Bartlett thirty dollars
in satisfaction of cost as guardian at law for Samuel
Ayer

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action Timothy Ayer against Samuel Ayer provided Timothy
Ayer shall have given to the inhabitants of the town a
good and sufficient bond to free the town from all
expences in maintaining Samuel Ayer during his natural
life. The bond to be approved by the Selectmen of the
Town

- th
6 Voted that the selectmen be a committee to expend the
money on the Emerson Hill and the road leading from H
Youngs to Greenwood line -- They are hereby instructed
to let out the same to the lowest bidder
th
7 Voted that Lyman Bird be allowed to draw his School
money from district No 14 and expend it in district No

10

a true record of the doings of Said town

Leander Jewett

Clerk Protempore

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

To Benj Freeman a Constable of the town of Bethel in
the county of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine. You are hereby
required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Said Town
of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to
assemble at Alder River Bridge in said town on Saturday the
second day of May A D 1857 at one Oclock in the afternoon to
act on the following articles to wit

- First: To choose a moderator to preside in said meeting
- Second: To See what action the town will take to build or
repair Alder River Bride
- Third: To See if the town will Vote to raise money if
required to be expended in the building or
repairing Said Bridge
- Fourth To See how much money the Town will vote to raise
to be expended on said Bridge

over

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- Fifth: To choose officers that may be required in the
building or repairing the same
- Sixth: To act upon any further matters relating to the
same which may legally come before the said

meeting

Given under our hands at Bethel this twenty fourth
day of April A D 1857

Elias S Bartlett	}	Selectmen
C. S. Edwards		of
T. H. Chapman		Bethel

Oxford s.s.

d
Bethel May 2 A D 1857

Pursuant to the within Warent to
me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of
Said Town of Bethel qualified as therein expressed to
assemble at the said time and place and for the purpose
therein named by posting up two attested copies of said
warent Viz one on the congregational meeting house on Bethel
Hill and one on the free meeting house near Beans Corner in
said town being public and conspecous places in said town
and the same places the town voted to have them put up the
last vote taken in the same, on the twenty fourth day of
April it being at least seven days before the meeting

Benj Freeman

Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warent and
the return thereon

Atest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Oxford ss

d
Bethel May 2 1857

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs met at the time and place and for the purposes therein specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

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- st
1 Choose John Brown Moderator and he was duly sworn by the town Clerk in open meeting
- d
2 Voted to adjourn to the old Barn of I C Kimball called the Groust Barn forthwith Met at the place as per adjournment and being called to order by the Moderator proceeded to business as follows viz
- Voted to adjourn till next Saturday at one O'clock P. M. to meet at Alder River Bridge So called Adjourn

John Brown Moderator

Attest Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Bethel May 9 1857

Met according to adjournment and made choice of Charles Mason Clerk protempore and he was Sworn to the faithful discharge of his duties by the Moderator

Adjourned to meet at Charles Masons Store at three O'clock P M

Met according to adjournment

Voted to repair the Alder River Bridge so as to be safe
passing

Voted to raise fifty dollars to repair said Alder River
Bridge

Chose John Brown to Act as agent to repair and expend
the money raised on Said Bridge
th

Voted to pass over the 5 article

Voted to adjourne meeting with out day

Adjourned

John Brown Moderator

Charles Mason Clerk Protempore

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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To Benj Freeman Constable of Bethel

In the name of the State of Maine You are hereby required
to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel
qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the
town house in Said town on Saturday the eighth day of August
inst. at five O'clock in afternoon to act on the following
articles to wit

- article 1st To choose a moderator to Preside in said meeting
d
Article 2 To choose a Collector of Taxes
d
" 3 To choose a Constable
th
" 4 To See what sum shall be allowed as a compen-

sation for collecting Taxes

Given under our hands at Bethel this the first day of
August A D 1857

Elias S Bartlett	}	Selectmen
C. S. Edwards		of
T. H. Chapman		Bethel

Oxford ss

Bethel August 8 1857

Pursuant to the within warent
to me directed I have warned and notified the inhabitnats of
said Bethel qualified as therein expressed to assemble at
the time and place and for the purposes therein named by
posting up two attest copies of said warent Viz one on the
Congregational meeting house on Bethel Hill and one on the
free meeting House near Bean's Corner they being the two
places the town voted to have them put the last vote taken
in the same and seven days before the day of Said meeting

Attest

Benj Freeman

Constable of Bethel

The foregoing is a true copy of the original warent with the
return therein

Attest

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Pursuant to the foregoing warrant the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met at the time and place therein named and the meeting having been called to order by the Town Clerk proceeded to business as follows

Viz
st

- 1 Choose John Brown as moderator to preside in said meeting and he was duly sworn into office by the town Clerk in open town meeting according to law
- d
2 Choose Albert S Burbank as collector
- d
3 Voted that Albert S Burbank be allowed two cents on the dollar as a compensation
- 4 Voted to meet at this place one week from today at 5 O'clock P M

Adjourn

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Aug 15. 1857

Met as per adjourned meeting called to order by the moderator who read the warrant

Minutes of the last meeting were read by the Clerk
Voted to adjourn without day.

John Brown Moderator

Attest Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Recorded by

Benj Freeman

Town Clerk

To Charles Mason of the town of Bethel

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Bethel qualified as the Constitution requires to assemble at the town house on monday the fourteenth day of September at ten O'clock in the forenoon to give in their votes for governor Senators registers of Deed, county commissioners county Treasurer Representative to represent them in the Legislature of this State

The Selectmen will be in session at the town House on monday the fourteenth day of September at nine O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of correcting the list of voters

Dated at Bethel the 31st day of August A D 1857

Elias S Bartlett	{	Selectmen
Clark S Edwards		of
Timothy H Chapman		Bethel

Bethel 14th day of September 1857

Pursuant to the within warent to me directed I have notified and warned the inhabitants of said town qualified as therein expressed to assemble at said time and place and for the purposes therein named by posting up an tested copy of said warent on the congregational meeting House on Bethel hill also an attested copy on the meeting House near Beans conner in said town of Bethel being

two public and conspicious places in said town on the
seventh day of September being seven days before the meeting

Charles Mason

Legal
Voter of
Bethel

A true copy of the original Warent together with the
return thereon

Attest Benj Freeman Town Clerk

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Bethel Monday September 14. 1857

Pursuant to the foregoing warent
the inhabitants of Bethel qualified as therein expressed met
at the time and place appointed and the meeting being le-
gally opened by the chairmen of the Selectmen they proceeded
to give in their votes for the several officers mentioned in
said warent as follows Viz

The whole number of Ballots given in was five hundred and
five 505

The several officers voted for received the number of votes
severally Set aganst their names as follows Viz

For Governor

Lot M Morrell had three hundred and nine (309)

Mannasseh H Smith had one hundred and ninty six (196)

Senators

Enoch W Woodbury had three hundred and ten	(310)
Almon Twitchell had three hundred and eight	(308)
O Neil W Robinson Jr had one hundred and ninty five	(195)
Jonas Green had one hundred and ninty six	(196)

Register to Deeds

Alden Chase had three hundred and five	(305)
Stephen D Huchinson had two hundred and one	(201)

County Commissioner

Joseph L Chapman had three hundred and nine.	309
William Saunderson had one hundred and ninty six.	196

County Treasurer

Joseph Barrows had three hundred and ten	310
Mark P Smith had one undred and ninty six	196

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For Rep to the Legislature

Ira C Kimball had three hundred and Eight -	308
Isaac B Littlehale had one hundred and ninty	190

Recorded by

Benj Freeman Town Clerk

Annual Town Meeting

To Benj Freeman one of the Constables of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford Greeting

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of Said town of Bethel qualified by law to vote in town affairs to assemble at the town house in Said town on Monday the first day of March next at ten O clock in the forenoon to act upon the fol-

lowing articles to wit ----

- 1st To Choose a Moderator to preside in Said Meeting
- 2^d To " " Town Clerk for the ensuing year
- 3^d To See if the town will vote to build a free Bridge at Barkers ferry So called across the Androscoggin River
- 4th To See if the town will petition the Legislature for authority to take stock in a tole Bridge at Barkers Ferry in Bethel -----
- 5th To See if the town will petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the County road or any part of Said road leading from Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill
- 6th To See if the town will Vote to raise a Committee to meet with the county commissoners when in Session at Bethel -----
- 7th To hear the report of the Selectmen men

8th To hear the report of the Academy committee
 9th To hear the report of the Super School Committee
 10th To Choose three or more Selectmen
 11th To Choose three or more Assessors
 12th To Choose a town Agent
 13th To Choose one superentending School Committee
 14th To Choose Highway surveyors or Commssioners of Road
 15th To Choose Field drivers and Fence viewers
 16th To Choose School Dist Agents
 17th To " Tythings men and Sextons
 18th To " Survayors of Lumber
 19th To " Sealers of Leather and Measurns of Wood &
 Bark
 20th To raise Money to build Bridges, Roads & Repair
 Highways

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21st To raise money to defray town charges -----
 22^d To " " for the Suport of Schools
 23^d To dispose of the Collection of the Taxes
 24th To choose Collector or Collectors
 25th To " a constable or Constables
 26th To " Pound Keepers and provide pounds
 27th To See what action the town will take in relation to

- the delinquency of Collectors of taxes
- 28th To See if the town will accept of a road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Hiram Hodsdon and others
- 29th To See if the town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of C E Paine and others
- 30th To See if the town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of I C Kimball and others
- 31st To See if the town will accept of a Road laid out by the Selectmen on petition of Daniel Dunn Jr and others
- 32^d To See if the town will vote to Set off Lyman Bird with his Personal and Real Estate from Dist No 14 to Dist No 10
- 33th To See if the town will Vote to reconcide the Vote of March 1856 whereby the town Voted to form a new Dist. from Dist. No 24 and Dist. No 25
- 34th To See if town will Vote to set off George W Bean with his Personal and real Estate from Dist No 21 to Dist..
- 35th To See if the town will Vote to recover the inhabitants of Hamblins Gore with their Personal & real Estates as part of the town of Bethel
- 36th To See if the town will Vote to discontinue the Road leading from Hiram Days Howard Farm to land owned by Stephen Cummings on petition of E S Bartlett

The Selectmen will be in Session at the town House in

Said town on Monday the first day of March next at nine
O'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving the
list of voters given under

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our hands this the 20 Day of Feby 1858

Elias S Bartlett

Clark S Edwards

Timothy H Chapman

Selectmen

of

Bethel

Oxford SS

Bethel March 1 1858

Pursuant to the within warrant to me directed I have
warned and notified the inhabitants of Said Bethel qualified
as therein Expressed to assemble at the time and place and
for the purpose therein named by posting up two attest
copies of Said warrant viz one on the Congregational meeting
house on Bethel hill and one on the free meeting House near
Beans Corner (So Called) they being the two places the town
voted to have them put up the last vote taken on the Same
and at least Seven Days before the Day of Said Meeting

Attest Benj Freeman

Constable

of

Bethel

A true Copy of the original Warrant and the return
therein

Attest Charles Mason, Town Clerk

Bethel

Bethel March 1st 1858

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant the inhabitants of Said Bethel legally qualified to vote in town affairs meet at the time and place therein Specified and the meeting having been duly opened by the town Clerk proceeded to bussiness as follows Viz

- 1st Chose Moses Pattee Moderator and he was duly Sworn in to office by the Town Clerk before entering upon the duties of Said office according to Law
- 2^d Chose Charles Mason Town Clerk and duly Sworn by the Moderator as the Law directs
- 3th Voted to pass over article 3th
- 4th Voted to pass over article 4th and take up article 5th

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- 5th Choose Moses Mason Eben Eames & Moses Patte as a Committee to potition to the County Commissoners to discontinue the road or some part of the Road leading from Moses A Mason to Bethel Hill
- 6th Choose Moses Mason Eben Eames Moses Patte Nathan Grover & Eli Foster as a committee to meet with the County commissiners when at Bethel ----

th
 7 Voted to accept the report of the Selectmen
 th
 8 Voted to accept the Report of the Auditors which is
 as follows

	amt clamed	amt allowed
Elbridge Chapman cf	\$ 6.00	" " \$ 6.00
Elias M Carter "	2.00	" " 2.00
Chas R Lock "	9.28	" " 9.28
Elias S Bartlett "	48.50	" " 48.50
Elias S Bartlett "	20.00	" " 20.00
R A Longe "	12.00	" " 12.00
Gilman Daniels "	5.25	" " 5.25
Moses Sweet "	6.50	" " 6.50
James Daniels "	3.87	" " 3.87
Elias M Carter "	20.50	" " 20.50
David garland "	29.75	" " 29.75
Clark S Edwards "	50.00	" " 50.00
Timothy H Chapman "	28.00	" " 28.00
Moses Chandler "	18.00	" " 12.00
A H Gerish Jr "	28.33	" " 28.33
Benj Freeman "	10.50	" " 10.50
Mighill Mason "	1.50	" " 1.50
" " "	2.20	" " 2.20
Chas Mason "	11.50	" " 7.50

th
 9 Voted to except the report of the Sup. school

Committee

th
 10 Chose Elias M Carter David F Brown & Moses Houghton

Selectmen and they were duly Sworn by the Clerk in open
Town Meeting according to Law

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11 Choose E M Carter David F Brown & Moses Houghton as
assesers and they were duly Sworn in open town Meeting
according to Law

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12 Choose Samuel F Gibson town Agent and he was Sworn
into office in town Meeting by the Clerk according to
Law

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th
13 Choose Sullivan R Hasting Supentening School Commit-
tee and he was Sworn by the town Clerk in open town
meeting according to Law

th
14 Voted to choose Highway Survayers and the following
persons were Chosen-----

Tilton Bennett	Eli Brown
Daniel M Grover	David Adson
John Barker	David Sanborn
Mason Goss	Eli Swan
Olive Nutting	#Timothy Ayer
James Grover	Richard Estes 2 ^d
John C Steanes	Nathan W Eathorde Jr
#Gilman Chapman	Elijah Brown
Timothy Capen	Moses S Kimball
Lyman Russell	John S Chapman
Joshua Chase	Samuel B Twitchell

#Luther P Hall

Chas F Penly

Benj F Brown

#Jed. Estes

Isaac Estes

John Jordan

#Daniel Dunn Jr

I C Kimball

Daniel H Crockett

John S Colby

Moses Chandler

#Isaac B Littlehale

and those marked # were Sworn into office in open town
meeting by the town Clerk according by Law ----

Voted to pass over for the present articles 15# 16# 17#
18" 19" 20" 21" 22" and take up article 23#

d
23 Voted to put the taxes up to the lowest Bidder and
they were struck of on to Mighill Mason Esq for nine
Mills on the Dollar he presented Moses Mason Ebn
Clough & Moses A Mason as a part of his bondsmen which
the town voted to except by the Said Masons persenting
them Mon mon men as good and responsible Every way

th
24 Mighill Mason chosen Collector and Sworn according
to law

th
25 Choose Mighill Mason & David F Brown as Constables
Mighill Mason was Sworn in open town meeting by the
Clerk according to Law -----

Voted to adjourn Said meeting to March third ³ 1858 at
one O'clock P M

Attest

Moses Patte Mod.

Charles Mason Town Clerk -----